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**Tight turn:** Two young participants carefully navigate the obstacle course at Sir Sam's Ski and Bike Saturday during Spring Splash. See page 30 for more photos. *Photo by Mark Arike.*

## Pot plan raises questions in Haliburton

### Local MP sees positives, but queries age requirement and enforcement

**By Alex Coop**

If all goes according to plan, next year's Canada Day celebrations in Haliburton County might include a special twist; legal marijuana.

The Liberal government will announce legislation during the week of April 10 that will largely follow recommendations outlined by a federally appointed task force in December, according to CBC News.

The task force was chaired by former liberal Justice Minister Anne McLellan.

Upon legalization, the possession of recreational amounts of marijuana would no longer result in a criminal record, something Jamie Schmale, MP for Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock, fully supports.

"People have been arrested, faced possible punishment over a recreational amount and

it's ruined lives and jobs, so I do understand that side," he said. "I'm also seeing report after report about courts being backed up and people not getting timely access to a legal trial."

According to Statistics Canada, 58,938 marijuana possession cases made their way through adult criminal courts in Canada between 2008 and 2012.

Defendants were found guilty 43 per

cent of the time. Other cases of drug possession involving cocaine, heroin and methamphetamines resulted in guilty charges more than 60 per cent of the time and were far less frequent.

County Warden Brent Devolin says the Liberal government's announcement is no surprise.

"The plus side is the decriminalization,"

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## Schmale wants age limit at 25

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he said. "We've seen lives and careers disrupted over small amounts [of marijuana]."

If legalization is successful, Ottawa will set a minimum age of 18 to buy marijuana and will license producers. Provinces will have the option of setting a higher age limit.

Schmale says he would like to see the age limit set at 25 across the country.

"Studies have shown young minds don't stop developing until about the age of 25. I think a lot of the major decisions in life are made during those valuable years."

Provinces will also have the ability to control sales and distribution.

The task force's report included several points about selling and marketing marijuana. It suggested plain packaging with health warnings, tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) and cannabidiol (CBD) amounts and strain names. Dedicated storefronts and direct mail sales were encouraged as well.

Laurie Scott, MPP for Haliburton—Kawartha Lakes—Brock, wouldn't comment on the announcement.

"We're waiting to see the details of the federal government's legislation before commenting," Scott said.

If legislation reflects the task force's final report, residents might be able to grow plants with a height limit of 100 cm. Public possession would be limited to 30 grams of dried, non-medical marijuana.

Medical marijuana would be accessed separately but will have the same tax

system as non-medical uses.

Details about the legislation are scarce, but reports indicate that Canadians who want to grow their own marijuana will be limited to four plants per household.

That will be very difficult to enforce, says Devolin.

"That was one of the parts that, from an enforcement point of view, I have no idea how it will ever play out," he said.

Devolin was also concerned about how it would affect Ontario building code regulations. While outdoor grow-ops exist, many turn to indoor hydroponic systems.

Schmale pointed to the Conservative government's 2014 decision to overhaul the medical marijuana system, which forced production from patients' basements to large-scale commercial operations.

"We stopped that practice, specifically for medical marijuana use, because not everyone has proper electrical systems, some were dated," he said, while also pointing to health concerns stemming from faulty ventilation systems.

"I see they [Liberal government] are bringing that back now, and I am concerned about that, especially if they are grown indoors."

The possession and sale of cannabis for non-medical purposes is still illegal everywhere in Canada.

Storefront dispensaries are not licensed by Health Canada under the current law and are illegal, according to the Canadian Department of Justice.

## County to spend \$1 million on road work

By Mark Arike

More than \$1 million will be spent to improve a few kilometres of county roads 1 and 18.

On March 22, county council awarded a contract to Royel Paving Ltd. in Lindsay for \$1,019,188.75 plus tax. It was the lowest of five bids, with the most expensive exceeding \$1.5 million.

"The bids came in a little under budget," said Craig Douglas, director of public works.

The total budget is about \$1.34 million. Even with allowances for a small construction contingency and the relining of culverts in the construction zones, there is a surplus of \$167,000. Royel Paving will rehabilitate and hot mix pave about 4.4 km

along County Road 1 from Pringle Road in Minden Hills easterly, and about 1.5 km on County Road 18 between County Road 21 and County Road 17. Hot mix asphalt is mainly used on roads with high traffic volume, according to Douglas. It is applied to pulverized gravel at a standard thickness of 50 mm for county roads. A start date has not yet been set, but the work must be completed by the end of September.

"We do not know a schedule from them since we have not met," Jones told *The Highlander*. "They are free to start after half loads are lifted and when their schedule permits, but we do require some lead time notice before they show up."

County staff will come up with a plan for the surplus funds.

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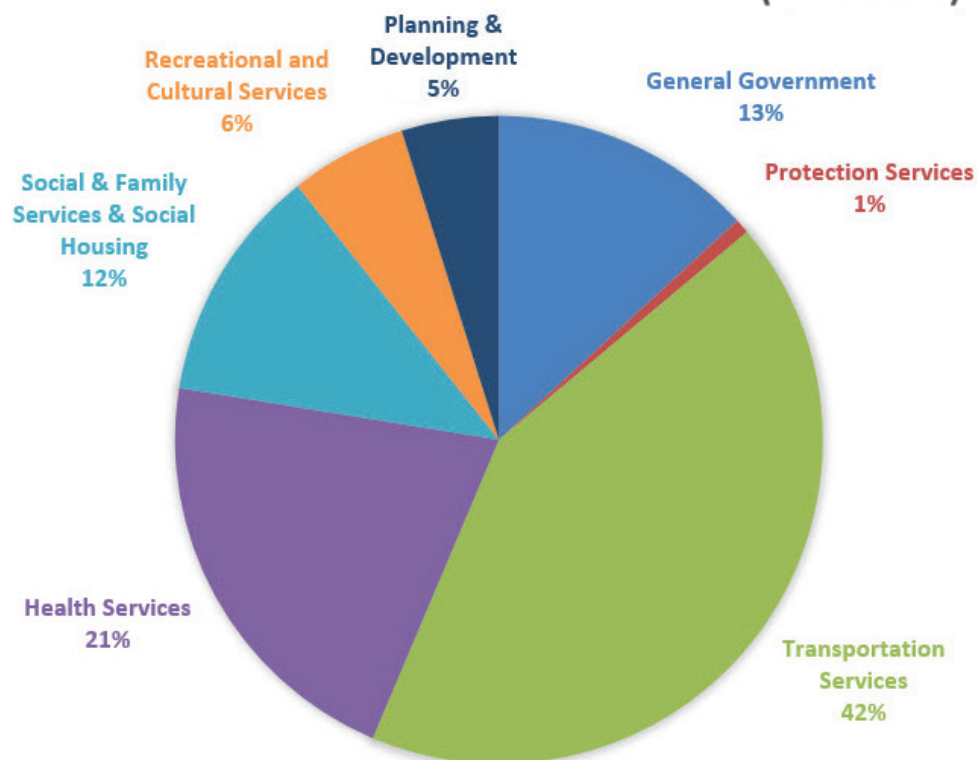
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## SERVICES FUNDED BY THE COUNTY 2017 TAX LEVY (BUDGETED)



A breakdown of services funded by the county this year. Source: County of Haliburton.

## County approves 5% hike after 2017 budget talks

By Mark Arike

County council has approved the 2017 budget, which comes with a 4.86 per cent tax increase for property owners. This amounts to an extra \$8.97 for every \$100,000 of assessed property value.

The tax levy is more than \$15.5 million, or an increase of 6.24 per cent from last year.

“The budget brings the county much closer to the level of taxation required for long-term sustainability,” said treasurer Elaine Taylor during a meeting on Wednesday, March 22.

She added future gas tax formula-based Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund revenues will also make a difference in the long run.

The total levy is shared by the county’s four municipalities — Algonquin Highlands, Dysart, Minden Hills and Highlands East — based on their property assessment values. Each municipality issues tax bills to property owners, which include the municipal rate, county rate and the education rate (not yet determined).

In Highlands East, for example, the total increase between the municipal and county tax rates is 7.26 per cent, or \$19.57 more per \$100,000 of property value.

County budget deliberations have taken place during several meetings. On Feb. 3, some changes were made to the previous draft, including a transfer of \$12,500 to the YWCA and a reduction in the amount being transferred for repairs to the Dorset bridge.

## Highlands East building off to good start

After a record year, building permit applications continue coming to Highlands East at a steady rate.

A total of five permits were issued as of the end of February, which is one less than last year.

“I think we’re going to be off to another busy year,” said chief building official Laurie Devolin during a council meeting on March 15.

Four or five applications were received

the day before the meeting, she said.

“We have lots going on.”

One dwelling permit was issued, one accessory building and three categorized as “other.”

The total construction value is more than \$209,000, an increase of \$109,000 from last year.

In 2016, 247 permits were issued at a value of more than \$10.3 million. (Mark Arike)

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The Gull River on the night of March 28. Photo by Lisa Gervais

## Long range forecast good for spring water levels

By Mark Arike

It looks like the Highlands may catch a break this spring when it comes to water levels.

No flooding has occurred yet and the long range forecast is looking good.

"While the snow is melting a significant snowpack remains, especially in the upper reaches of our watershed," said Kris Windover, a technical specialist with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry in Minden. "The snow water equivalent in the snow pack is close to average for this time of year. The long range forecast is mild with little precipitation, which is favourable for gradual melting."

In Gull Lake, the water was recently measured at 1.9 metres. The record high (the past 25 years) at this time was more than two metres, according to data on Parks Canada's website.

Meanwhile, on Kennis Lake, the depth was less than 1.6 metres. The record high is about 2.5 metres.

"Due to late February precipitation and melt, local watercourses are at or slightly above average for this time of year," said Windover.

He encourages residents to keep a close watch on conditions, and exercise caution near fast-moving rivers and streams.

Property owners located in areas with a history of flooding should take precautionary measures, such as "ensuring sump pumps are functioning and securing items that may float away as water levels rise."

The ministry continues to closely monitor local and regional weather forecasts to determine the risk of flooding, said Windover.

Watershed updates are posted to ontario.ca and are available through local municipalities.

## Municipality invests in preserving historic outpost

By Mark Arike

The roof of a national historic site in Highlands East will soon get a makeover.

The municipality will spend up to \$12,500 on repairs and upgrades at the Wilberforce Red Cross Outpost and Historic House.

Council approved the work in January as part of the capital budget, said property supervisor Jim Alden.

A tender was recently posted to the municipality's website and in local newspapers. All bids must be received by April 7.

The chosen contractor will remove all existing roofing materials, repair any rotten roof boards and install new shingles with

a guaranteed lifespan of 25 years. New venting will prevent ice buildup in the winter months.

The work is scheduled to begin May 15 and be completed by June 2.

"It hasn't been shingled for over 25 or 30 years," said Alden in an interview. "So it's starting to curl up and look terrible."

Hilda Clark, president of the Wilberforce Heritage Guild, said her organization is pleased the municipality is taking this on.

"The physical building has to be kept up," said Clark. During a meeting last year, the group talked about painting the outside of the building this summer. There are also a couple of windows that need new frames, she said.

"Jim said he would look into somebody painting it and the heritage guild would help with that."

In the past, the guild has raised funds to contribute to upgrades and repairs. It's their mission to preserve the outpost and offer programs to the public.

Located on Loop Road, the building is the site of the first Red Cross outpost hospital in Ontario, as well as the first hospital in Haliburton County, according to its website. It was declared a national historic site in 2003.



# Highlander news

## Not much in federal budget for county, says Schmale

By Alex Coop

Local MP Jamie Schmale gave the Liberal government's budget a C- shortly after it was revealed March 22, citing a projected rising deficit and little assistance for Haliburton County.

"There wasn't a whole lot in there," Schmale told The Highlander, adding the \$23 billion deficit projection for 2016-17, which will rise to \$28.5 billion by 2017-18, is a bill that future generations will have to deal with.

While the budget includes a middle class tax cut for nearly nine million Canadians, Schmale says this won't affect anyone with a taxable income of \$45,282, which is the lowest income level of the tax bracket that would apply to the government's tax cut.

In Haliburton County, 11.9 per cent of workers earned minimum wage in 2014, compared to 2.4 per cent in 1997, according to the county's poverty reduction strategy.

Schmale did support the budget's focus on Internet accessibility. The

budget proposes to invest \$13.2 million over five years, starting this year, in a new Affordable Access program, which will help service providers offer low-cost home Internet packages to interested low-income families.

Schmale praised the budget's extension of maternity leave, but said no one is actually getting more money, only the same amount stretched out for a longer period of time.

"But having that extra time to spend with your family is a good thing," he said.

County Warden Brent Devolin called the budget "underwhelming."

"Most of the conversation was about recycled announcements. Any real money is designated for the far future," he said.

The Liberals will spend \$7 billion over 10 years to fund childcare spaces and \$11.2 billion over 11 years for affordable housing.

Schmale said this won't have an immediate impact on non-profit organizations in the area, but could help them plan for the long-term.

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- In 2016, the Government increased Canada Student Grants by up to \$1,000 per year for post-secondary students from low- and middle-income families, affecting more than 360,000 full-time and part-time students each year.
- Increased income support for vulnerable seniors. Enhancements to the Guaranteed Income Supplement, 750,000 seniors now receive more money each month, representing an increase of up to \$947 per year for Canada's most vulnerable seniors. This will help lift 13,000 seniors out of poverty.

## Hydro costs eat away at hospital's budget

By Mark Arike

In just one month, a \$62,000 surplus at Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS) has been reduced to a mere \$2,600.

And it's the rising cost of hydro that has had a major impact on the bottom line, according to HHHS CEO Carolyn Plummer. So far, the corporation has spent \$180,000 more on hydro than it did at the same time last year. Plummer estimates that \$170,000 of this can be attributed to increased rates.

"The major shift we have seen is in our utility costs, primarily our hydro costs," Plummer told *The Highlander*. "This is directly linked to an increase in hydro rates, which have been on the rise for the past five years, yet our consumption has only increased by two per cent over the same time period."

There has been a 42 per cent increase in the past fiscal year alone, she said.

HHHS pays for utilities at four properties including two hospitals and two long-term care facilities.

During a recent board meeting, David Gray, corporation treasurer and financial committee chair, listed utilities and payroll as two financial pressures.

"We're close to break-even," said Gray.

"That's considerably better than the alternative," added board chair Dave Bonham.

HHHS ended 2015/16 with a deficit of \$420,000. Staff sick time and overtime largely contributed to the deficit. But the corporation was able to turn that around to a surplus of \$73,000 at the end of last September.

Despite this year's challenges, Plummer is proud the organization has maintained a balanced position.

"I would like to acknowledge the hard work of all our staff and our board members in helping identify effective strategies to keep us on target without compromising care and service," she said.

HHHS receives annual funding from the Central East Local Health Integration Network (LHIN) through the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care.

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## On loss and giving

It's been a time of loss and giving in the County of Haliburton.

The first editor of *The Highlander*, Stephen Patrick, passed away March 13.

He was an instrumental part of the *County Voice*, too, when it came on the scene and helped shape a competitive news industry in our area. When *The Voice* closed in 2011 and Stephen joined the newly-created *Highlander*, his strength as an editor led many to believe the two publications were related (they're not).

We had a story and a column on Stephen in last week's edition describing Stephen's impact on this community. Not only was he a newspaperman, he was also a keen patron of the arts in Haliburton County, serving on the board of the Rails End Gallery & Arts Centre.

Another loss is Betty Moffatt, who also died on March 13.

We have a story on Betty's life in today's *Highlander*. She was another remarkable local citizen and represents a certain generation of county residents. These are people who were introduced to the Highlands at a young age, cottaging here in summer, but who returned to the city to live and work. As did many of

her contemporaries, Moffatt then retired here. She brought a wealth of world and business experience and applied it in volunteer work: for the Haliburton Highlands Health Services board, the board of Canoe FM and the board of Stanhope Museum. Like so many people here, she quietly went about her business, never seeking attention.

Both Betty and Stephen represent the type of people that the Highlands attracts: passionate and genuine, with a desire to give back.

And that brings us to giving.

In the past few weeks, we have seen major donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation's *Making Moments Matter* campaign. The campaign is funding the new palliative centre at the hospital, which should be completed in June. It will be a place for people at end of life to peacefully live out their final days.

The Royal Canadian Legion Haliburton branch has donated \$20,000 to the campaign and the Minden branch another \$10,000. The Minden Legion also recently donated \$2,500 to the Haliburton Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps, and the Haliburton Legion gave the

YWCA Peterborough/Haliburton \$2,000.

We caught up with Jen Cureton, director of philanthropy and communications for the YWCA Peterborough/Haliburton. She told us their fundraising campaign was up to \$40,590 with another two days to go to reach their target. Susan and Keith Hay's donation of \$10,000 in matching funds, along with another \$9,000 from a combination of anonymous donors, have really given this initiative a boost. Added to \$25,000 pledged from the county over two years, it means the YWCA has money to operate for those two years while it works on a long-term plan.

Our losses are painful and felt deeply, especially for those who knew and loved those who are no longer here. But each of us is part of a much bigger picture, a community that lives on and unfailingly continues the work of people like Betty Moffatt and Stephen Patrick: making the Highlands just a little bit better every day, and helping those in need.



By Lisa Gervais

## weeWisdom

## Music can change the brain, part 4

This month, I finish my long journey into the world of music and explore how this visceral art form can change people's brains. Twenty years ago, it was believed that the right side of the brain was the music and art side and the left was responsible for language and logical thinking. Now, we know that when you listen or play music you use all parts of your brain. It is one of the only activities that activates, simulates and uses the entire brain.

But is there any scientific proof that music is beneficial? Brain scans have been done of professional musicians and found that their brains are more symmetrical. They have a significantly larger "corpus callosum". This is the part of the brain that transfers motor, sensory, and cognitive information between the brain hemispheres. So, that rock musician career that your parents were adamant would get you nowhere, would have actually made you smarter!

An ongoing study with University of California and The San Diego Children's Symphony is charting the collation between learning to play an instrument and speech development, language, math

and school attendance. I know that when I listen to music while doing school work I can concentrate better so it will be interesting to see the outcome of this study. It is known that music allows children and young adults to develop a sense of self-identity and acts as a source of support when they feel troubled. Practicing my cello has definitely improved my confidence and ability to focus, especially on abstract tasks.

Another interesting study regarding music and the brain was performed by Dr. Harry Witchel of the University of Sussex in England. He wanted to know if hearing the bagpipes could help soldiers perform greater feats of bravery and strength. Twelve Scottish student volunteers listened to various music and bagpipes while on the treadmill. They were then tested on their physical strength. The results were that the bagpipe music caused their strength to improve. I am assuming this is why bagpipes were used in wartime but how did they know this then? Did they just presume that this unique instrument would drown out the sounds of battle and resonate somewhere within the men to make them

braver?

I didn't know that in the world of musical careers you could do something besides perform or teach music.

During my research I learned so much. I met amazing people who support the arts, people who play for fun and for their job. I learned that music can be used to help change the world or to just listen to while cleaning your room.

I met an amazing Canadian musician who now lives in Nashville, TN and teaches inmates to play and write music to help them overcome their anger and help with their rehabilitation. I interviewed moms of kids with various disabilities that use music to help their non-verbal children express their emotions. I speak from experience that "dancing it out" can really turn those frowns upside down. I learned about music therapy, how a local radio station got started and met tons of new and amazing music lovers.

I even learned that music and science make an amazing duo.



By Anabelle Craig

## Correction

In the March 16 edition of *The Highlander*, the information in the photo outline with the article "Plans to rebuild moving ahead at Bark Lake Leadership Centre" was incorrect. The photo was taken by Joe Fortin and was of the East Central Ontario Artist Association's event. The article incorrectly stated that the centre was established in 1978 when it was actually established in 1948. *The Highlander* apologizes for these errors.



# Editorial opinion

## Eye on the street: How do you feel about an on-campus residence at Haliburton School of the Arts?



**Aaron Alfono**

**Peterborough**

I think that students should be living in the actual community and not be isolated to the campus. I think a residence would reduce exploration of the community itself.



**Hannah McPherson**

**London**

It would just make it like every other college. Plus, a lot of locals take pride in hosting students throughout the year, it just adds to the uniqueness of Haliburton.



**Emily Bruneau**

**Port Hope**

I just think it wouldn't be as fun. I love being a part of the community and the scenery on my walk into school is unlike anything else.



**Christina Pedes**

**Lindsay**

It would be great ... it would give you the opportunity for that typical college experience, while you build relationships and your own community.



**Murray Lee**

**Perth**

I think it would be interesting - definitely less of a commute, plus it could kinda' be a party house every night.

*Photos and interviews by Emily Stonehouse*

## Creating accessibility

*Dear editor,*

I want to give a big thank you to the CIBC in Minden for installing handrail bars on the corner walls of the bank on Bobcaygeon Road. I have been concerned since the sidewalks were widened on the main street but narrowed at this corner due to the widening of the road. The sidewalk was sloped in an unsafe manner to the road. Winters have been dangerous here as the slope gets icy and has caused many to fall. I asked the reeve at that time if handrail bars could be installed on the bank wall but nothing happened. Whose authority was it? I tried again last month while banking. The manager came outside with me to see what I was referring to. While in town today I was amazed to discover the handrails on the bank wall. When you make a place accessible for those with wheelchairs, scooters or canes, you are making it accessible for all, seniors, mothers with baby carriages or strollers, toddlers, everyone. What a simple solution for a difficult walking area.

Thank you again for helping us all to walk around that corner safely.

**Lois Rigney, Chair**  
**Haliburton Highlands Stroke Support Group**

## PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Gerry MacLennan's daughter, Robyn MacLennan, captured this shot of a couple of chickadees dining on the deck. *Submitted.*

## The best cheap date ever

My lovely wife is a wonderful person for many reasons, some of which I could shout from the rooftops others that I'd prefer to keep secret but in one respect she is most definitely the best. My wife is one of the most selfless people I have ever met.

Over the last few years she has been given Christmas bonuses from work and birthday money by her parents back in Blighty. Each time, this cash has been deposited in the bank or in a little safe spot in the house, to be saved and spent on a shopping trip in the big city. However, things always seem to come up. Little Z has summer camps to be paid for. Jeff the dog needs his nails clipped (he's very sensitive about his looks). I need to borrow a few bucks to pay off a gambling debt (only kidding), and, the money that my

lovely wife has saved is slowly spent again and again.

She's OK though, "oh, it doesn't matter."

Then there's my promises of a trip to the aforementioned big city to buy a birthday gift that I couldn't find in little old Haliboo. The same goes when that slides by without materializing, "oh, it doesn't matter."

But that is not good enough. My lovely wife deserves better and, finally, I stepped up to the plate this weekend and bundled her and Little Z into the car. Off we went to Toronto. I realized that I had to do the right thing.

"We're going to the city and you're gonna buy whatever you want, money no object!" I said.

Some of you fellows are cringing already, I know, but, while I had every intention of

making good on this promise, if I were a betting man, and we've already established that I am not, I'd put money on the fact that my lovely wife would struggle to spend spend spend.

I had so much faith in this prophesy that I even researched the perfect little fashion boutiques for my lovely wife to visit.

I have to admit that early in the trip I did wonder. Armed with my recommendations, second store in a cool little shop on Queen Street she was keen and I managed to sabotage myself by picking up a blouse that she liked. It fit perfectly.

"Yes! Let's buy it."

Boom! Three hundred dollars spent.

I squeaked a bit inside but grinned and stayed calm as I tapped in my pin number. It's only noon, I thought. This could cost me big, real big.

On to the next store we went. I was more cautious with helping out this time. But, my (none) bet came to fruition. That initial burst of high fashion spending was to be the last that we saw that afternoon. However, by five o'clock, with a couple of glasses of expensive city wine inside her, she was happy and I was relieved.

And that was basically it. If my wife were to have totalled up the past Christmas bonuses, the cash birthday presents and promised spending sprees we'd be into the multiple thousands and shopping for a month but she didn't, she doesn't, because she's the best wife ever. And that's a good job because I'm kind of cheap!

## The Outsider



**By Will Jones**



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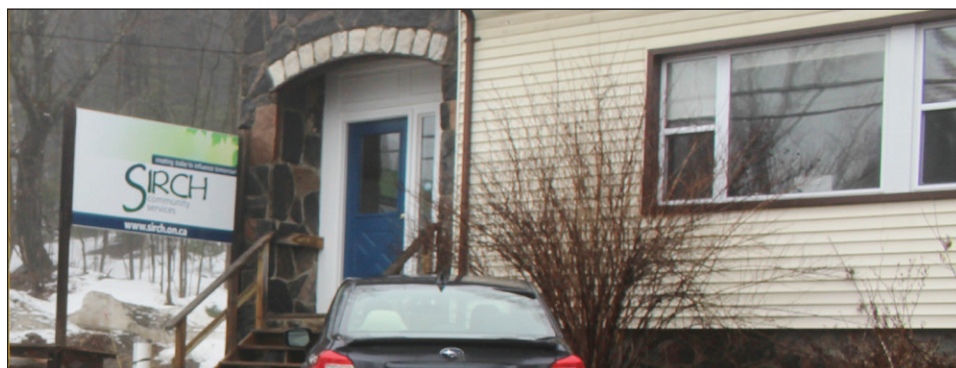
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SIRCH's office building in Haliburton is sold. Photo by Mark Arike.

## SIRCH sells headquarters with plans to relocate in fall

By Mark Arike

After about a year on the market, SIRCH's property on County Road 21 has sold.

The deal is expected to close in September. Until then, the name of the new owner can't be disclosed. But the realtor who sold the property confirmed an existing business will be moving in.

"I know the buyer hasn't told his [current] landlord yet," said Andrew Hodgson, broker of record of Century 21 Granite Realty Group Ltd.

SIRCH Community Services, a non-profit organization, has been operating out of the building since the late 1990s, according to executive director Gena Robertson. They run more than 20 programs and services in Haliburton County, many of which help improve the quality of life for local

residents.

The building is 2,500 square feet and is situated on a one-acre lot. It was listed at \$224,900.

Robertson doesn't expect any major interruptions in service during the move in the fall.

"We certainly have enough time to figure out how to minimize any interruptions," said Robertson.

They are looking forward to returning to Haliburton village, which is where the organization was founded. Its first home was next to the ambulance base.

In September of 2015, some of SIRCH's programs were relocated to a property at 2 Victoria St. in Haliburton. It leases the space, dubbed SIRCH Central. The property was previously home to a day spa.

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### Spring Melt Public Reminder

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### Fire Season

A reminder that from April 1st to October 31st each year is "Fire Season." During Fire Season there are specific guidelines and regulations that need to be followed.

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### Requests for Tenders

For the Community Services Department:

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For the Environmental & Property Operations Department:

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### Employment Opportunity

The Community Services Department is seeking a Recreation & Events Assistant position for a six (6) month contract position anticipated to begin June 12, 2017. Responsibilities will include assisting with recreation programming, community events and volunteer engagement. Deadline to submit cover letter/resume is **May 1, 2017 by 12:00 noon**.

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## Marijuana facility up for sale

By Mark Arike

More than three years ago, an empty lot on Industrial Park Road was purchased from the municipality.

It wasn't long until a large green building was erected, with the new owners planning on opening a medical marijuana facility.

But it never came to be, and now the property is up for sale.

James Tout, one of the owners, passed away last May, confirmed Dan Sayers, chief building official.

Dysart CAO Tamara Wilbee couldn't provide any more information.

"That's all I know as well," she said.

Attempts have been made to reach one of the owners, who isn't named in the real estate listing, but messages have not been returned.

In August of 2013, Tout and a Darrell Connors offered to buy the property for \$10,000 plus legal fees. Council accepted and asked the clerk to proceed with completing the terms of sale.

They eventually obtained a building permit, and Sayers confirmed the owners intended using the building for the production of medical marijuana.

At the time, Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey said the owners promised to create five local jobs.

The Highlander spoke to Tout in 2014, who said, "Right now, we're just building a building."

The 1.2-acre property, which is located



The 1.2-acre property, located at 367 Industrial Park Road, is listed at \$495,000 and is a total of 8,000 square feet, according to a description online. This includes 5,000 square feet on the ground floor, 3,000 square feet on the second floor and 800 square feet of storage. Photo by Mark Arike.

at 367 Industrial Park Road, is listed at \$495,000. The building is a total of 8,000 square feet, according to a description online.

This includes 5,000 square feet on the ground floor, 3,000 square feet on the second floor and 800 square feet of storage.

It comes with a 10-by-10-foot bank vault, a UV light system and 15 parking spaces, among other features.

It is advertised on the website of discount broker John Gagnon of HomeLife/Unlimited Connections Realty Ltd., based in Belleville. But it is for sale

by the owner.

Gagnon was unable to go into any details about the property or who is selling it.

"I'm not at liberty to discuss anything," he said in a phone interview.

He couldn't recall when the property was listed.

To sell or provide marijuana for medical purposes, one must apply to Health Canada to become a licensed producer. A total of 40 licenses have been issued to date, with more than half of those being in Ontario.

## Dysart in brief

### Dysart announces road tender results

The municipality of Dysart awarded two tenders to businesses on March 27, one for road resurfacing, another for two pick-up trucks.

Miller Paving Ltd., which has a head office in Markham, Ont., won the resurfacing tender with a bid of \$878,000. Curry Chevrolet Buick GMC Ltd. won the truck tender with \$68,164.87.

Four bids were placed for the resurfacing tender, but only one for the truck.

"Staff invited Curry Chevrolet Buick GMC Ltd. and Ridgewood Ford to submit RFP's for a half-ton and a one-ton pickup truck. Curry Chevrolet Buick GMC Ltd. was the only submission received," said Rob Camelon, public works director, in his report to council. In addition to the tender announcements, Camelon pointed to a problematic 2013 Volvo G960B motor grader, a heavily used machine purchased by the township in the spring of 2015. The grader was bought from distributor called Strongco with 900 hours on it for \$226,677.

"Repairs to the grader were completed Friday and it's on the road today ... but we have serious concerns," Camelon told councillors. Since arriving, the municipality has had to pay for extensive repairs on the machine that have led to disputes with Strongco. While those disputes have been

settled, a recent engine problem has yielded little response from the company. The grader has 2,600 hours on it, but its warranty expires after 3,000. As of Dec. 31, the grader had a net book value of \$191,803. The municipality would take a \$42,000 loss if the machine was sold for \$150,000, Camelon's report said. A new grader of similar size would cost approximately \$380,000 if purchased outright or approximately \$5,000 per month on a four-year lease.

Council accepted the report and encouraged the department to explore all options regarding the grader.

### Dysart passes final budget

Dysart councillors passed a 2017 budget that includes a 5.87 per cent tax levy increase and a residential tax rate of \$261.89 per \$100,000 of assessment compared to 2016's \$247.37.

The commercial rate is at \$388.31 per \$100,000, while the industrial rate is \$449.95 per \$100,000. Last year's figures were \$366.77 and \$425 per \$100,000 assessment, respectively. Dysart's treasurer Barbara Swannell told councillors March 27 there were minor changes in the budget since it was last presented in February, but that there was a zero net change to the tax levy.

### Forest's biochar project asks for partial site plan

While its zoning bylaw amendment is under appeal at the Ontario Municipal Board, Haliburton Forest Biochar asked the municipality of Dysart to grant them a partial site plan for a 4,800 square-foot storage building.

Pat Martin, Dysart's director of planning and development, cited her report March 27, which said Haliburton Forest Biochar will be accepting delivery of specialized equipment for their biochar project later this spring. The company wants to build a storage unit for the equipment.

Martin said there is an existing General Industrial (M) zone on the property that permits the construction of a storage or maintenance building.

Haliburton Forest Biochar's proposal to build a 13,000 square-foot building on Kennaway Road, which will contain a large chamber that will convert purchased sawdust into biochar, has been met with strong resistance for months.

Cottagers on Drag Lake have voiced their concerns about the plant's impact on the environment and how it's not a permissible use of the property. Four Drag Lake residents filed letters of appeal to the Ontario Municipal Board early February. Those appeals have not been heard yet. (Compiled by Alex Coop).



# Spring Car Care



Apprentice Rob Randles checks a loud exhaust pipe under a vehicle at Precision Auto, which does auto glass, tires, auto repairs and maintenance, just off of Highway 35 in Minden. Photo by Lisa Gervais

## Thoughts turn to tire changeovers

By Lisa Gervais

Spring is in the air and it's all about tires for many local garages.

David Lacey, licensed mechanic at Precision Auto, said, "We're ready. We just got in 100 new tires."

He said that for the next two months they will be focused on all of the swap overs, as people shed their winter tires.

They've got 800 sq. ft. of storage for customer's tires on their property at 5 Booth St., just off of Highway 35 Minden. They offer free tire storage in the natural hope that customers will come to them when it is time to change or buy new tires.

Precision Auto is teamed with National Tire Distributors (NTD), which means, according to Lacey, "We can get just about any tire you need." Some of the brands include

Hercules, Cooper and Ironman.

"We get really good pricing on those," Lacey said. He added Hercules come with a road hazard warranty and a mileage coverage plan.

Lacey said they had a record-breaking winter for changing up and selling tires.

He added that a lot of people are now asking for oil changes at the same time that they get their tires changed, and Precision Auto has a seasonal maintenance package under \$60 for most cars.

"It's a good opportunity to get oil changes and get ready for summer," Lacey said.

His apprentice, Rob Randles, chimes in that people should not forget that Precision Auto remains a specialist in the area for auto glass.

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# Spring Car Care

## Don't forget about your headlights

By Alex Coop

Spring is in the air, but so is the thick fog, so make sure your headlights work properly, says Chris Coumbs of Haliburton Auto.

"They're sometimes overlooked," he said. "Lenses are known to yellow or oxidize over time, so they should be cleaned regularly."

While some cars have bulbs that can last a while without regular maintenance, Coumbs reminds drivers that, ideally, a car's lights should be checked every time.

*When you start your car you should have a quick walk around while it's warming up to make sure [the lights] are working.*

**Chris Coumbs**  
Haliburton Auto

"When you start your car you should have a quick walk around while it's warming up to make sure they're working," he said.

According to the Ontario Highway Traffic Act, it is not an offence to have one of the rear running lights out. It is, however, an offence to have one of the headlights out.

Tim Negus, media relations officer for the Haliburton Highlands OPP, says a faulty headlight could result in a \$110 fine.

Motorcycles require only one white or amber light to the front and rear.

Coumbs says xtravision halogen bulbs give off more of a white light than the standard yellow halogen ones, which is sometimes preferred by drivers. They're also affordable at around \$30.

"They can pretty much be applied to any vehicle, too," he said, adding there are much more expensive options available as well that pierce heavy fog a lot better.

Car lights are required from half an hour before sunset to half an hour after sunrise, or at any time where weather conditions prevent vehicles or people being clearly seen at a distance of 150 m.

Drivers should also remember that flashing blue lights are restricted to police vehicles and snow removal vehicles, (only while they are actually removing snow or de-icing)

Flashing green lights are restricted to volunteer firefighters.



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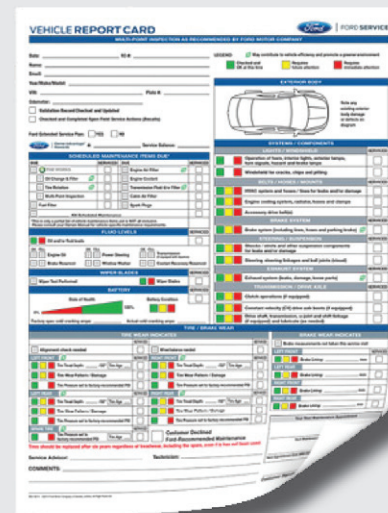
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# Spring Car Care



If you're driving an older model vehicle, it's even more critical to ensure everything is clean and operating smoothly. Photo from Flickr Creative Commons.

## Spring cleaning for your car

By Mark Arike

The snow is disappearing and the birds are singing. It's been more than a week since the first day of spring.

That means it's time to show your ride some tender loving care.

You should start with a thorough clean of the inside and outside of the vehicle, says Mark Eno, service manager at Ridgewood Ford in Minden. Then you should have a professional examine its mechanical parts such as steering and suspension components, and brakes.

"A lot of cars will be pounded right into the ground after winter and from the potholes," said Eno. "You'd probably get what we call an alignment check."

Ridgewood offers an 83-point inspection, otherwise known as "the works" package. It includes a bumper-to-bumper inspection, with a report card of the findings given to the owner.

If you're driving an older model vehicle, it's even more critical to ensure everything is clean and operating smoothly.

"The older the car, the harder it gets to maintain the stuff unless it comes in for regular service," he said.

If you haven't already done so, now is the time to put on your all-season tires. Your snow tires should be cleaned of all salt and road grime before being put into

storage.

One of the items most commonly overlooked is brake service, said Eno.

And if your car is neglected for too long, the repairs could run you thousands of dollars.

### Some other tips from CAA

- Clean under the hood; shampoo the engine and wheel wells.
- Check all lights to ensure they are in good working order, including the headlights, brake, reverse, turn indicators, hazard lights and license plate.
- Make sure your tire pressure is within factory specifications. The vehicle's owner manual will have recommendations and the information can also be found on the drivers' door jam or glove box.
- Always keep your mirrors and windows clean.
- Check your wiper blades and replace if they are worn or damaged. Wiper blades are critical for safety, only have a lifespan of about 12 months.
- Change your oil every 5,000 km or three months (whichever comes first) and keep fluids like brake, coolant and windshield washer topped up.

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# Highlander health

## Construction on schedule at palliative site

By Mark Arike

In February, the team at Greystone Construction reported that the new Haliburton Highlands Palliative Centre is coming along nice.

The project is on schedule and could be completed ahead of time.

Construction on the 1,600-square-foot addition to the Haliburton hospital began in December. Since then, concrete has been poured and the walls are up.

*Nothing outside of the ordinary. With every new build or renovation, there's always little things that happen.*

**Ben Jardine**

Engineering manager

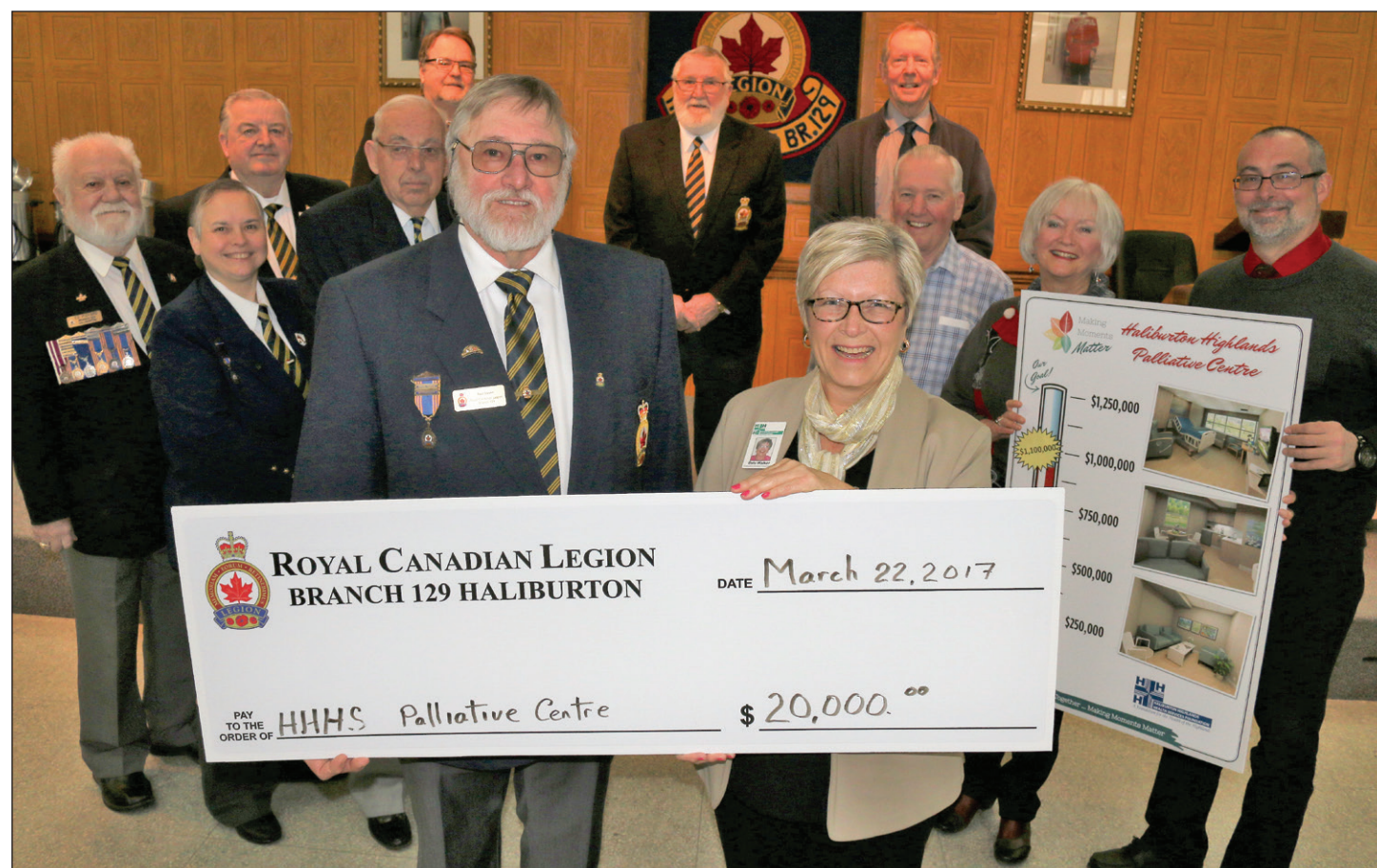
Greystone, a Huntsville-based developer, had to demolish an existing room before getting to the foundation level.

There are between three and 10 workers on-site on any given day. Asked if there have been any major mishaps, engineering manager Ben Jardine said, "Nothing outside of the ordinary. With every new build or renovation, there's always little things that happen."

All the work should be completed at the end of June, but most of the interior will be finished at the end of May. The centre will feature two palliative suites, a kitchen/lounge area, quiet room and a central washroom. The total cost is \$1.25 million.



Workers at the site on Feb. 16. Photo by Mark Arike.



### Haliburton Legion makes moments matter

The Royal Canadian Legion Haliburton branch 129 has donated \$20,000 to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF) Making Moments Matter campaign. HHHSF chair, Dale Walker, said the funds are from the Legion's Poppy Fund and the branch received membership approval and obtained permission from central command to donate the money for furnishings and equipment at the new Palliative Centre. With this donation (on March 22), Walker said they have now raised \$1.21 million, with only \$130,000 to go.

Pictured: Legion members Ed Pickard, Chris Biggs, Bob Heap, Chester Howse, Anthony Crofts, Bruce Martin, Dave Allen, president Paul Sisson holding the cheque with HHHSF members Dale Walker, Don Popple, Sandre Daoust and Richard Wannan. Photo by Lisa Gervais.



# Highlander life

## Celebration of life for 'classy dame'

### Betty Moffatt was an unassuming volunteer

By Lisa Gervais

When people think of Betty Moffatt, they use phrases such as extraordinary, a true force, delightful wit, even "classy dame."

Betty died peacefully at home on March 13 in her 83rd year.

Her daughter Carol Moffatt, the reeve of Algonquin Highlands, said: "Betty represents the thousands of seasonal folks who have moved to the cottage and created new lives, made new friends, and contributed to the community's growth and development."

"I'm proud of what these folks do, including everything my mum's done. Like so many people, she plugged away with tremendous commitment but without fanfare or headlines, and all because she loved the Highlands and wanted to help make good things happen."

Betty was born and raised in Toronto but her heart found the Highlands in 1939 when her father decided to settle down to a cottage lot on Beech after years of camping in Carnarvon in the 1920s.

"That purchase sparked the beginning of what's now four generations of memories made of shenanigans, laughter, family, dear friends and a spectacular sunset view across the lake," Carol writes in a moving obituary.

The one-room cabin expanded over the

years and when Betty and her husband, Bruce decided to retire to the cottage in the early 1990s, Carol's husband Tony Aymong built them a lakeside home "where life was grand and even more wonderful memories were created."

Betty was a stay-at-home mum for years but went back to work when Carol was six. She rose from secretarial and bookkeeping work to corporate leadership, retiring as the corporate secretary and vice president of legal affairs for MDS Health Group, at a time when it wasn't common for women to hold prominent positions in corporate boardrooms.

"She always said she got there by keeping her ears open and her mouth shut: absorbing, watching, learning - and putting up with a lot of nonsense in a male-dominated environment," says Carol.

But with three kids at home Betty was a busy lady; "the ultimate super mom," wrote Carol, "a woman who could not only bring home the bacon but also fry it up with finesse while wearing a fabulous business suit and heels and planning a pool party in her head. How she did it all we'll never understand."

Betty's volunteerism included three terms with the HHHS board, more than 10 years on the Canoe FM board



A celebration of life will be held for Betty Moffatt April 1, 1-4 p.m. at the Pinestone. Submitted.

where she was still the chair of the bylaw committee and 20 years with the Stanhope Museum, where she was in her tenth year as chair.

Canoe FM manager Roxanne Casey said, "Betty has been our go-to person when we weren't sure about proper procedures or what had gone on in years gone by with the station. Betty loved Canoe FM and what we stand for ... she was very proud of Canoe FM. Betty will be missed and I'll miss having Betty to call when there is an issue or problem that I'm not sure how to deal with."

Jim Blake knew Betty for about 15 years, mainly through her work with Canoe FM and the Stanhope Museum but also socially.

"She always had this incredible sparkle in her eyes, had a wonderful wit, enjoyed having fun but also knew how to get things done. There was only one Betty but if you had 15 Betty's in your community you could make anything happen."

Carol also wrote, "They just don't make 'em like her anymore."

Fittingly, the family has asked people to do something kind for someone in Betty's honour in lieu of flowers or donations.

Betty's life will be celebrated Saturday, April 1 between 1 and 4 p.m. at the Pinestone.

"Mum loved a party and she'd be mighty upset to miss this one," said Carol. "It was a life well-lived." (With files from Carol Moffatt)



## Cadets get a boost

A donation of \$2,500 was given to the Haliburton Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps., raised from the Minden Legion's Remembrance Day Poppy Fund. Minden resident and Cadet Lily Austin accepted the cheque on behalf of all cadets in the County, along with her father and volunteer, Max Ward. Remembrance Day Poppy Funds are to promote the contributions of war veterans and Branch 636 often donates a portion of it to the Army Cadet Corps., of Haliburton County.

From left to right; Minden Legion's second vice-president Paul Norry, Legion president Judy Flieger, Legion members Jim Ross and Al Mayo (veterans affairs), Cadet Lily Austin and volunteer Max Ward. Photo by Jennifer Hughey.

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## The cat that came back ... three years later

By Lisa Gervais

The cat came back ... but it wasn't the very next day.

In fact, it took three years for Molson to be reunited with owner "and best friend" Amelia King.

This story begins at Paulmac's Pets in Minden.

Owner Nancy Crowther said a call came in to their store one afternoon about a cat that had been found at the side of the road.

"Luckily we had space for him as there were no kittens awaiting new homes," she said.

She said that when he came in, he was very fragile, weak and looked to have a serious eye problem as well as breathing issues. The next morning they decided a trip to the vet was necessary. Eye drops, antibiotics and blood work and other tests were arranged. They found out that he was a neutered male, 10 to 13 years old, suffering from the herpes virus.

His picture was posted on Facebook in the hopes of finding his owners.

"Given his poor health, we posted a sign on his kennel advising people to not pet him because he was sick and because of his age," Crowther said.

Two days later, King was walking her dog and popped into the pet store to buy some dog food.

She said she always stopped to look at the kittens in the kennels but noticed this

particular cat was older so she asked what his story was. She also noticed that he looked an awful lot like her cat, Molson, who went missing when her family suffered a house fire in 2014.

At the time, she said she was told that all of the family's animals had perished.

*It was very, very overwhelming and kind of surreal*

**Nancy Crowther**  
cat owner

She brought up some old pictures of Molson on her phone and said the similarity was unmistakable despite the fact he had aged. What cemented it was when he head butted her in a loving fashion as he had done years ago.

"It was very, very overwhelming and kind of surreal," she said. "To be told back in 2014 that all of my animals had died in a fire and then to see him...he was my best friend for eight years."

Crowther kept him at the store while he finished his medical treatments and regained his strength but on March 21, Molson went home "to a loving family that are thrilled the cat is back," said Crowther.



Paulmac's Pets owner Nancy Crowther with Amelia King, her son, Keagen King and cat Molson. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

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# 2017 Real Estate Report

## Alternative energy park will open this spring

By Mark Arike

Last summer, students in Fleming College's Sustainable Building Design and Construction program gained some hands-on experience erecting a unique off-grid building at Abbey Gardens.

The project, dubbed the Alternative Energy Presentation Centre, came to fruition through a partnership between Brian Nash of Haliburton Solar and Wind, Abbey Gardens and the college. It is described as "the first and only" centre of its kind in Canada.

Now, the final touches are underway on a demonstration park, located directly across from the main building, to showcase various alternative energy options. The grand opening is planned for June 10.

But there is still some confusion among the public about what's going on and who's involved, according to Nash.

"The centre and the demonstration park are Haliburton Solar and Wind initiatives," he said in an interview. "Our position of business is to use the demonstration park to increase the awareness of the possibilities of renewable energy."

Nash's business, now in its fifth year, relocated from Mallard Road to the demonstration centre building last fall. He leases the space from Abbey Gardens.

Once completed, the half-acre, outdoor park will feature a wind turbine and 12 learning stations. A trail will lead visitors through the learning experience.



Above: The Alternative Energy Presentation Centre, located at Abbey Gardens. It has been home to local business Haliburton Solar and Wind since the fall. Right: An illustration of the outdoor energy park, which will be completed in the spring. Submitted by Haliburton Solar and Wind.

The 1,200-square-foot centre is powered by solar and wind utilizing a battery bank for energy storage.

Since education and sustainability are focal points for Abbey Gardens, they will integrate what Haliburton and Solar and Wind is doing into children's programming.

"It ups the bar in terms of what we can offer for education, and obviously open the door for being able to share information and knowledge and create awareness around alternative energy," said Heather Reid,

operations director at Abbey Gardens.

These programs are currently in development. Nash's innovative initiatives are gaining exposure for not only his business, but Abbey Gardens and the Highlands as well. Interest has been generated from Solar International in Colorado and Outback Power in Arlington, Washington, he said.

"These are people in regions that didn't have a clue about Abbey Gardens. Through our connections and work in the industry,

that's one of the big benefits we provide back," he said.

"As a not-for-profit, that's hugely valuable," added Reid.

Haliburton Solar and Wind employs six people, one of whom is part-time. The June 10 event will feature electric vehicle tests, demonstration centre tours, entertainment by Gord Kidd and Friends, and prizes and giveaways. It will run from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.



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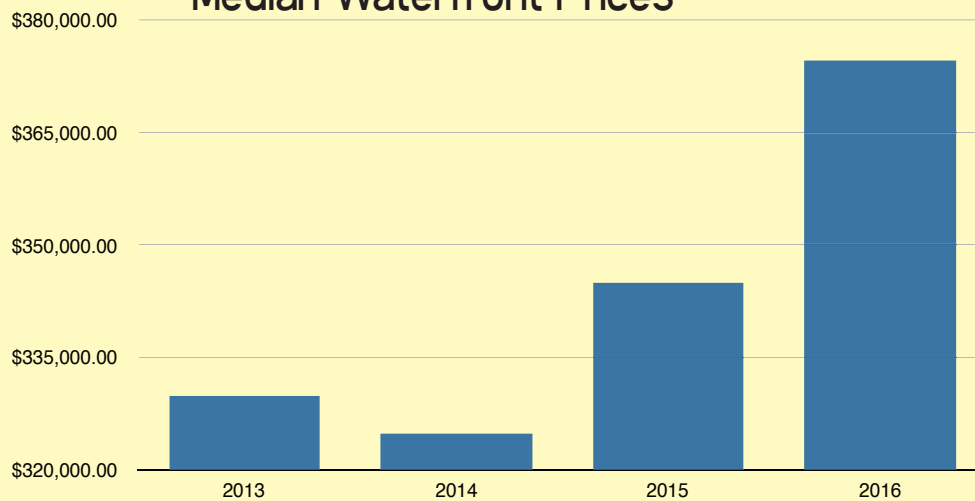
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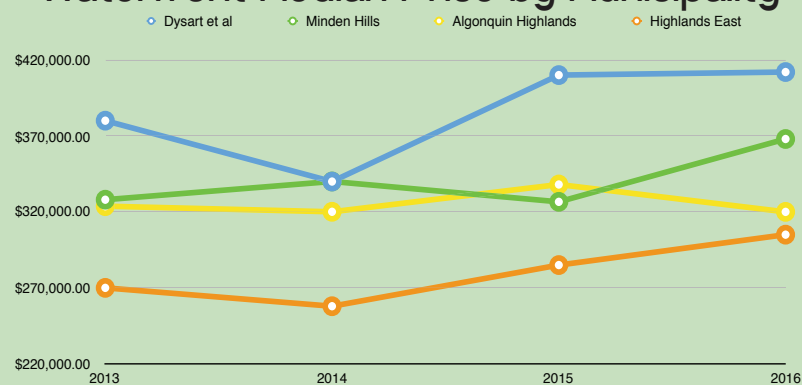
## Are prices up or down?

### Median Waterfront Prices



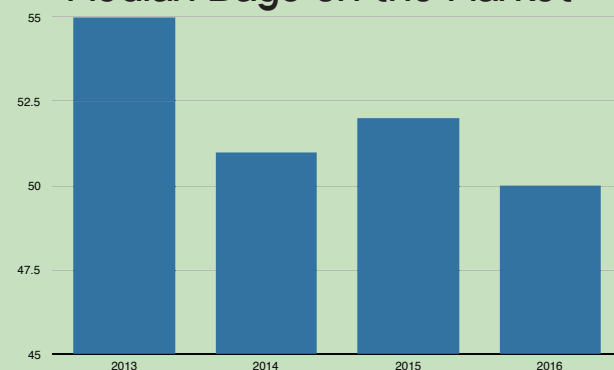
The Haliburton County real estate market is finally on the rise. After taking a hit in 2008, the region is starting to see an increase in property values for both waterfront and non-waterfront homes. On average, prices for waterfront homes and cottages are up by 8.3 per cent over 2015.

### Waterfront Median Price by Municipality



Despite irregularities in the median prices, which are easily skewed based on higher end sales, the average sale price of improved properties has risen throughout the county.

### Median Days on the Market



A good indicator of demand for properties is the number of days a new listing stays on the market. This year saw a dramatic reduction in days on the market. Buyers are interested in Haliburton County which means homes and cottages are selling faster.

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## 2017 forecast

A strong 2016 property market resulted from increased demand, leaving fewer homes and cottages on the market than usual. Spring of 2017 is shaping up nicely and we expect continued strong demand combined with lower inventory levels. Under these conditions, we foresee a continued increase in property values for Haliburton County.

- Anthony vanLieshout

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# 2017 Real Estate Report

## Waterfront owners: Love Your Lake

By Mark Arike

The majority of lakefront property owners need to take a serious look at their shorelines.

A minimum of 75 per cent of the shoreline around each lake needs a 30-metre vegetative buffer to maintain the existing water quality, according to a scientific review by the Muskoka Watershed Council.

But a survey of 47 lakes in Haliburton County has found that only eight per cent, or four lakes, were at or above the minimum.

"That is a scary statistic," said Paul MacInnes, chair of the Coalition of Haliburton Property Owners' Associations (CHA).

The CHA is a non-profit organization focused on protecting the 124 lakes it represents.

"The lakes are the economic engine of our county," MacInnes told county council on Feb. 22.

The main threat lakes face is blue-green algae blooms. In Ontario, phosphorus from septic systems is the leading cause of its growth. In other areas, it has resulted in swimming bans and a steep decline in property values, he said.

"We don't want that to happen here."

This is why they launched the Love Your Lake program in the county three years ago. With the help of trained staff and dozens of volunteers, the shorelines of more than 10,000 properties in the county—more than

the rest of the country—have been evaluated. That number will grow to 14,000 by the end of the year.

"We're now the flagship for this program in Canada," he said.

Individual reports are provided to property owners. They are informed about how they can re-naturalize their property, which ultimately improves the health of the lake.

It's intended to motivate action, said MacInnes.

The national program is owned by the



Canadian Wildlife Federation and Watersheds Canada. The CHA is one of 11 regional partners in Canada, and receives funding from several sources.

Four evaluators will be hired this summer and each will be equipped with about \$3,000 of equipment. They tour the lakes with boats provided by lake associations.

With one more year to go, the goal is to meet the 75 per cent minimum on every lake. But in order to do that, the entire community will need to get behind the

project, he said.

One of the obstacles is finding suppliers in the county who understand natural shorelines, said MacInnes. To address this, the CHA launched a training program two years ago with the support of the Haliburton County Development Corporation and the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce. Climate change makes the CHA's task even more urgent, he added.

And just last summer, they began a program with realtors to ensure they avoid promoting the de-naturalization of shorelines. Twenty-seven realtors have signed a pledge sheet to date.

MacInnes didn't request anything specific, but encouraged council to think about what they can do to help get the message out.

"It's not people being ignorant out there. It's people lacking the knowledge of how important natural shorelines are."

Councillor Murray Fearrey suggested the possibility of including information in the tax bill to all waterfront property owners.

"Maybe something that puts a little fear in them, that shows those negatives of how property values will go down," said Fearrey. County Warden Brent Devolin believes having this data makes all the difference.

"We've anecdotally known some of this stuff," he said. "Now we know where we are and we can take concrete steps to go forward."

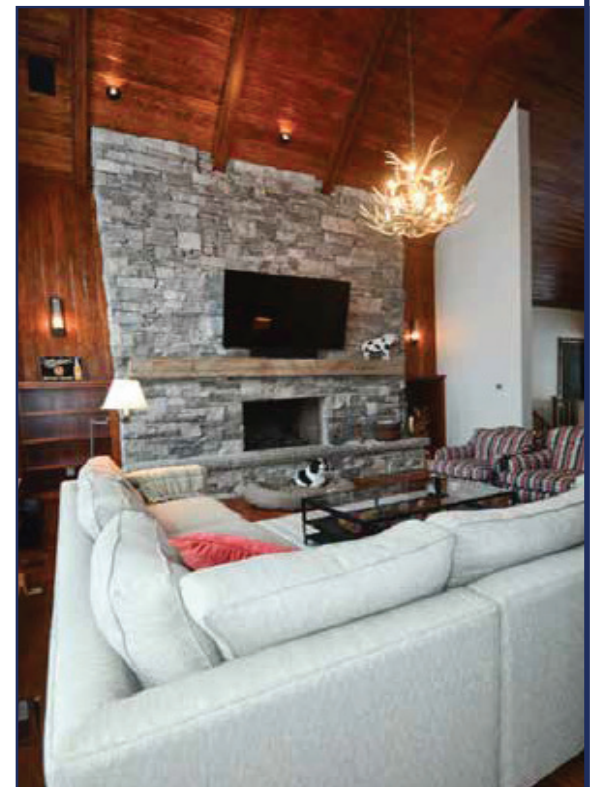
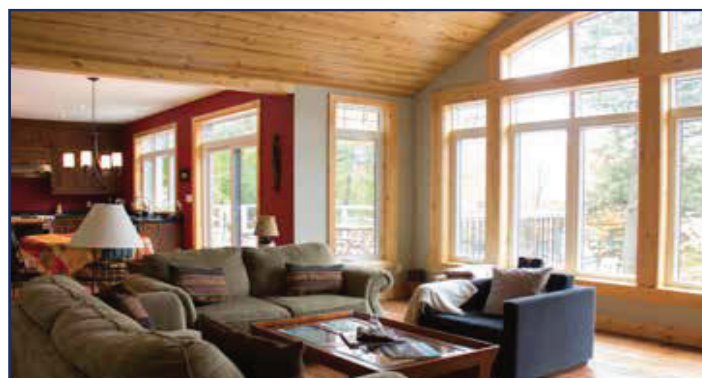
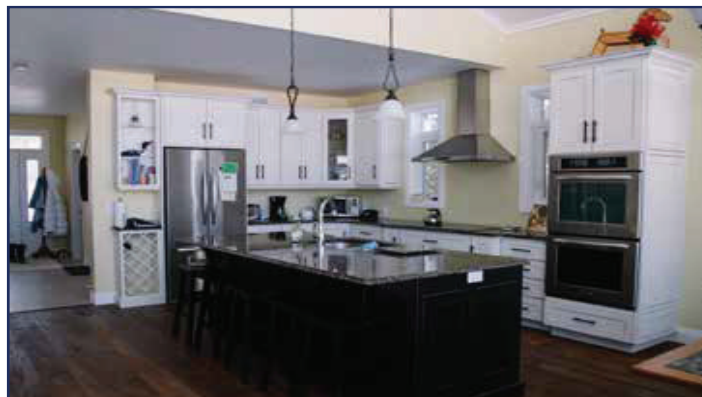
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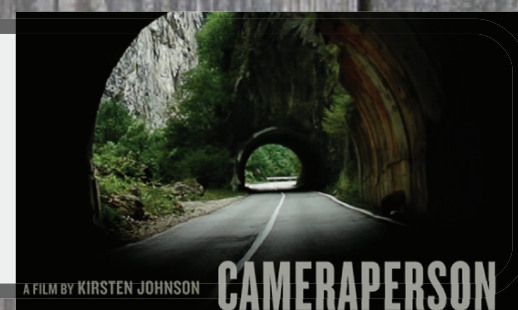
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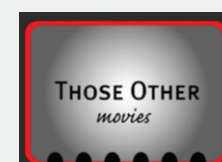
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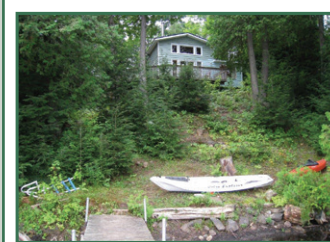


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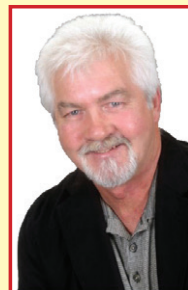
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# 2017 Real Estate Report

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## What did you expect?

I'm assuming that most people had one of two distinctly different reactions to recent news put forth by the Coalition Of Property Owners' Associations (CHA) in regards to the state of "natural health" of Haliburton County's lakefront shorelines. One reaction would be that of apparent surprise, the other reaction would be, to put it colloquially, "well d'uh."

In case you hadn't heard, the CHA has put forth the initial findings of a multi-year study that essentially graded lake frontage in the county in a number of varying categories such as setbacks, docks, slopes, retaining walls and invasive species. And lo and behold Haliburton County needs to seriously improve its game in regards to developing and maintaining a natural waterfront.

Make no mistake, this isn't about aesthetics. This is basically about allowing the innate natural waterfront environment to both survive and to flourish. If you change the environment surrounding the lake, essentially you're changing the lake. I'm absolutely baffled that this wasn't already so bloody obvious and if you've lived around here long enough you've come to see how badly the environment surrounding our waterways has been ruined over the years. Yes, I said ruined.

Take the sheer number of homes and cottages packed into a finite amount of property and then double down by building upwards when you have no more room to build outwards. Add to that our individual "need" to have manicured lawns beside our boathouses or foreign trees transplanted in areas where they shouldn't be and what do you think you're left with? Lakes don't do well when overrun seepage from pesticides and fertilizers. Again, wasn't this kind of obvious from the outset? How many turf lawns did you see around the lake originally?

This entire problem stems from the exact same thing most of other problems in the world stem from. Our individualized insular nature and our relative disregard for big picture thinking. That being the fact that a lake and a river, much like a forest or a field or an ozone layer for that matter is a shared commodity. What

*Haliburton County needs to seriously improve its game in regards to developing and maintaining a natural waterfront.*

**Charlie Teljeur**  
Columnist

I do to any of them affects you and what you do affects me. Pretty simple math really. I wish more of us understood this, or cared to understand it.

Some of us will think this is simply propaganda put forth but granola-crunching do-gooders who want nothing more than wildflowers and butterflies surrounding our lakes. Well, if simply wanting clean water and healthy natural flora and fauna translates to enviro-Nazis, then grab yourself a granola bar. No folks, this thinking is simply trying to get our waterways back to their healthiest status which (here's the irony) is best for us as well.

The good news – and there is good news – is that we can reverse this situation although nature will need some time to literally clean up its backyard. Think a little deeper when you decide to do something that affects the environment or take some natural advice by simply watching your dog. Food in the one area and waste in another. A pretty simple concept really.



**By Charlie Teljeur**

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### Waterfront \$249,900

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# Highlander events



## Spring Splash goes dry

For the first time in 29 years, a few brave skiers and boarders weren't able to cross a man-made pond at Sir Sam's Ski and Bike on Saturday.

That's because the water line to Eagle Lake froze, making it impossible to draw water for the season-ending event known as Spring Splash. The last-minute alternative was a two-person obstacle race, which saw about 40 participants take part. Prizes were awarded to some of the competitors.

The fire department offered to transport

water to the event, but several truckloads would have been needed, said Chris Bishop, manager and co-owner.

"They would be pumping the water all day long," said Bishop.

Spring Splash is an annual tradition where skiers and snowboarders, many of whom sport costumes, attempt to cross a 100-foot-long, icy cold pool.

An après ski dinner and dance, featuring the Stephanie Gregg Band, wrapped up the day's festivities. (By Mark Arike).

Top: A snowboarder catches big air on the last day of the season at Sir Sam's. Above left: A crowd gathers to watch skiers and boarders take on the tandem obstacle course. Above: A skier hits a jump and pulls off a trick. Left: Chase and John Jr. Scofield make their way through the obstacle course. Photos by Mark Arike.



# Highlander events

## Haliburton Lions host hoedown for sight

By Mark Arike

One event has brought the Haliburton Lions Club within reach of meeting their fundraising commitment as part of a multi-club campaign.

The group of volunteers raised more than \$2,000 at Saturday night's hoedown at the Haliburton Legion.

Close to 100 tickets were sold for the event, which included dinner, a silent auction and entertainment from local group Gord Kidd and Friends.

All of the money will go to "Lions for Sight," a project to replace old cataract surgery equipment at Peterborough Regional Health Centre. Although it's not in Haliburton County, Carl Young, president of the Fowlers Corners Lions Club, says many local residents are referred to Peterborough for the eye surgery.

"As of April 2018, the equipment will be outdated," said Fowler in an interview. "It's time to move on."

*It's a great example of what volunteers can do.*

**Carl Young**

President, Fowlers Corners Lions Club

It will cost \$175,000 to replace the equipment, which includes installation.

Young's club, which is near Peterborough, launched a fundraising campaign as a centennial project. This year marks the 100th anniversary of the Lions.

With thousands of clubs around the world, the goal is to help more than 100 million people by June of 2018. Forty-four clubs in the area have been asked to contribute. Just under \$70,000 has been raised since November, he said. No government funding is available for the equipment.

In January, the Haliburton club committed to raising \$3,000.

"It's a great example of what volunteers can do," he said, referring to the hoedown. "It's huge."

A cataract causes the lens of the eye to become cloudy, according to the Mayo Clinic. The lens is removed during surgery and, in most cases, replaced with an artificial one. The procedure is covered under the Ontario Health Insurance Plan.

With less than \$1,000 left to go, the Haliburton club will continue to fundraise until the goal has been met.



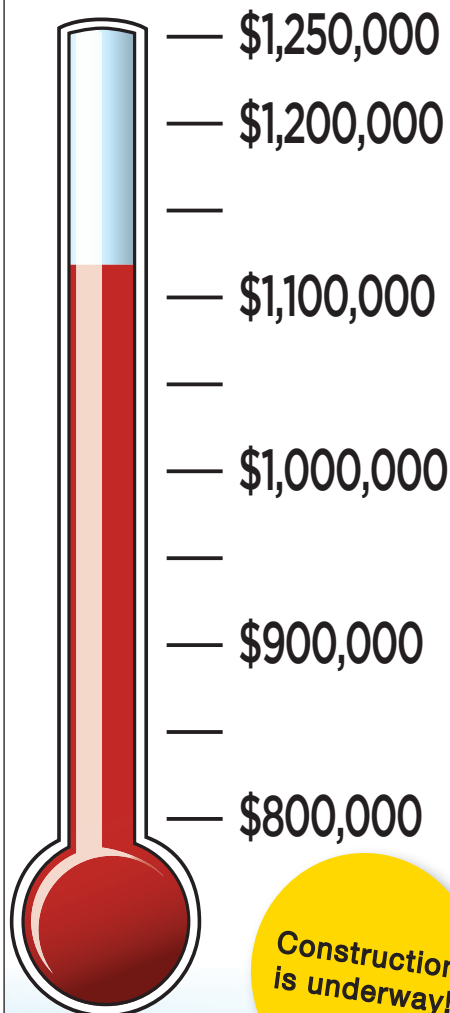
Above: Guests groove to the sounds of Gord Kidd and Friends. Middle: Gord Kidd and Friends put on a show at the Haliburton Legion. Photos by Mark Arike.



# Highlander events



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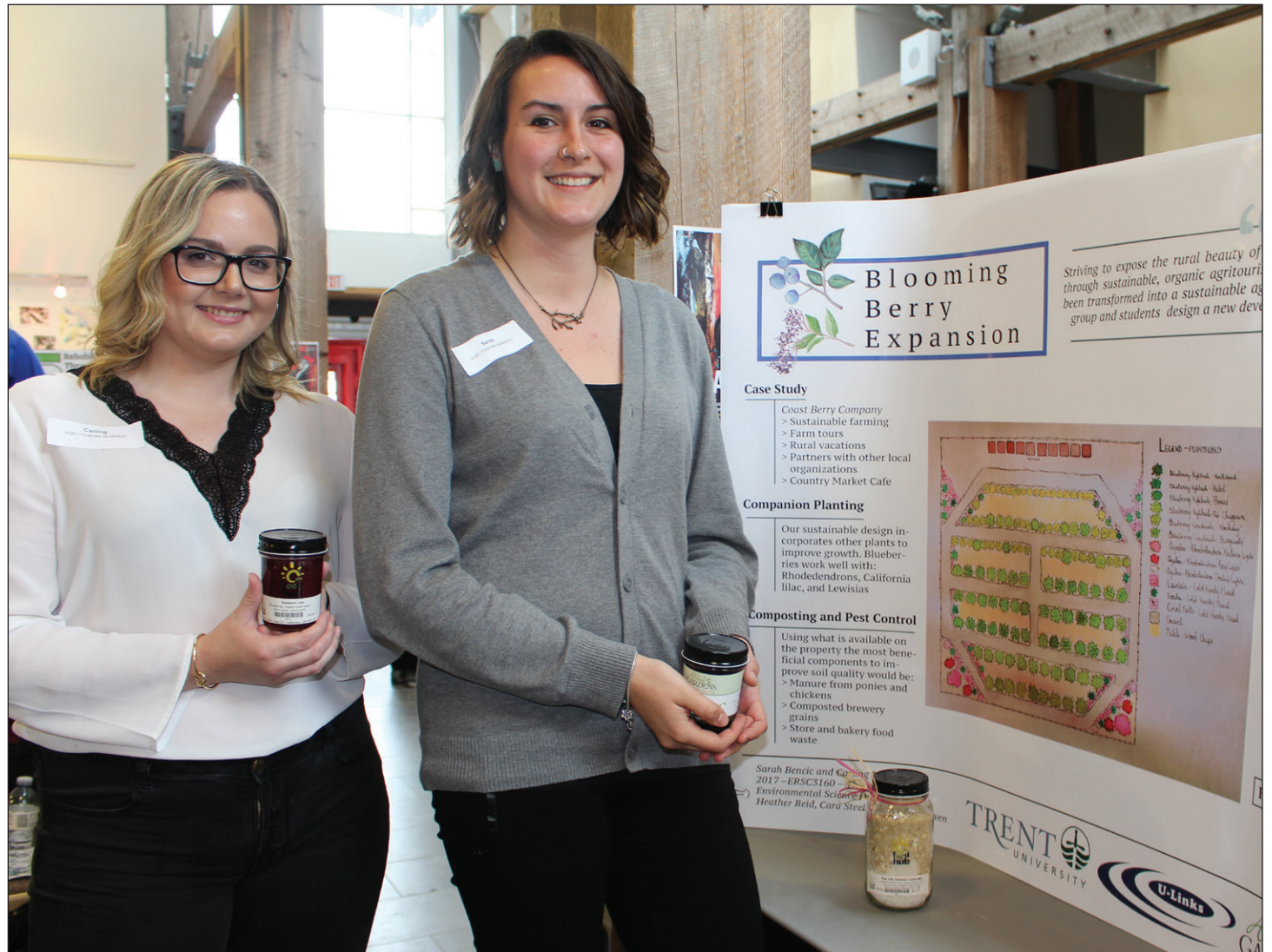
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Trent University students Carling MacDonald, left, and Sarah Bencic conducted research on expanding the offerings at Abbey Gardens by growing different berries. Photo by Mark Arike.

## U-Links provides insight into university research projects

By Mark Arike

Twenty-seven university students who collaborated with local groups were the centre of attention on Saturday at the Haliburton School of Art + Design.

The public had an opportunity to learn all about their recent work during the annual U-Links Celebration of Research. Projects ranged from expanding trails at Abbey Gardens to community energy planning in Minden Hills, to developing sustainable agri-tourism and the aging well master plan.

Guest speaker Ken Doherty spoke about leveraging sustainability. Doherty is the director of the community services department for the City of Peterborough.

This was the 27th year the community united to recognize the students' work, said Jim Blake, co-chair of the U-Links management committee.

The community-based research program allows students to earn credit in their programs and gain experience in their field of study. It is made possible through partnerships between U-Links, community partners, and faculty and students at Trent University. U-Links is a non-profit organization and project of the Haliburton County Community Co-operative.



Students and the public wait for guest speaker Ken Doherty to take the stage. Photo by Mark Arike.



# Highland Storm



## 2016-17 ATOM YEAR IN REVIEW



2016/2017 Cottage Country Building Supplies/Ridgewood Ford Highland Storm Atoms

### *A Message from Coach, Tom Perrott*

The Highland Storm Atom team had a great and fun year. Each player improved in many ways as the season went on, refining their hockey skills and senses. The Atoms were a team that could find another gear when the pressure was on and proved to be a clutch tournament team making it to the

'A' championship game on four different occasions. Coming up just short in our home tournament, the team produced big wins in both the Campbellford Colts and Kawartha Coyotes tournaments. Making it to the quarter finals in the OMHA playdowns was a great accomplishment for our boys and

they fought until the final buzzer.

With five players returning to Atom next year they should help create a solid foundation for a great team. The remainder of the team will be heading on to pee wee where they will become valuable members of the already strong team.

Big thanks to a great coaching staff and manager. An amazing bunch of kids made for a fun year with lots of accomplishments and a tonne of laughs in the dressing room and on the ice.

I can't wait to see them all at the rink next fall!

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# Highland Storm



## The Highlander's Novice 3-Stars of the Season



**Austin Boylan #8  
CENTRE**

Austin was named our initial first star for the 2016/17 Highland Storm season due to his red hot start, recording two hat tricks within the first three games of the season. His strong play continued throughout the year, being selected as a star on three different occasions over the season. His season was highlighted during the Kawartha Coyotes tournament where Austin had a 3 points per game average over the four tournament games.



**Aiden Perrott #4  
LEFT WING**

Aiden Perrott receives the second star of the 2016/17 Highland Storm Atom season for his consistently strong play all season. Never taking a night off, Perrott who rode shotgun to Boylan on the top offensive unit all season, handily out-matched the majority of the competition's top lines on a nightly basis. Aiden kicked his season off on the right track recording five points in his very first game of the season.



**Avery Degeer #9  
DEFENCE**

The Highland Storm Atom's triple-threat was completed on the back-end by smooth-skating defender, Avery Degeer. In the first week of November, the three stars were on full display as they manhandled the competition during the Kawartha Coyotes tournament, en route to the 'A' Championship. The Storm outscored the competition 21-5, with Avery factoring in on 11 of those goals, recording 10 helpers and a goal.



# Highland Storm



## Storm reports

### Cottage Country Building Supplies/ Ridgewood Ford Highland Storm Atoms

On Friday, the Atoms travelled to Baltimore, Ont. to play in the Cross Border Clash Tournament. The Storm's first game of the tournament was against the host Baltimore Ice Dogs. The Storm played hard but lost 7-1. The lone goal

was scored by Addison Carr on a penalty shot.

The second game of the day was against the Lindsay Muskies. The Storm played hard but were shutout 4-0.

The following day, the Storm were set to face the Brighton Braves for the third game of the tourney. The Storm played hard but lost 8-1. The goal was scored by Carr, assisted by Cooper Coles.

On Sunday, the Atoms travelled to Grafton to face the Sturgeon Lake Thunder for the C championship at the tournament. This was a sit on the edge

of your seat game that went into a three-on-three overtime. The Storm started the first period with a rocket goal by Colby Coumbs. The Thunder answered a minute later. Then a minute after that, Logan Tripp fired one into the net followed by a goal from Austin Boylan. The game was 3-1 going into the second period. The Thunder dominated that period scoring two back-to-back goals and it was tied going into the third. The third was intense as both teams were not giving up. Aiden Perrott put a beauty goal in the net unassisted but the Thunder answered with

a goal a minute later. The game was 4-4 going into a four-on-four overtime. No one scored so they went to a three-on-three overtime where, with 13 seconds left, Carr scored assisted by Perrott and Coumbs to win the C championship.

On behalf of all the players and parents we want to thank all the coaching staff for volunteering their time to these boys. We really appreciate it. Thank you for an awesome year. We couldn't have done it without you.

## Jets reports

### Bancroft I.D.A./ Red Eagle Family Campground midget B girls

The midgets hosted the Cold Creek Comets on Friday night, looking to wrap up their Lower Lakes Female Hockey League (LLFHL) eastern loop final series and advance to the championship weekend on March 31 to April 2 at York

University. A win would give the Jets two points and eliminate the Comets from the playoffs, giving Bancroft the eastern loop first place entry into the five-team tournament for the midget B LLFHL championship.

The Jets continued their momentum from Tuesday's 3-0 win in Cold Creek and jumped out to an early first period lead when Danielle Sunstrum finished off a nice passing play from Jamie Little and Sara Switzer. Trying to avoid elimination, Cold Creek battled back early in the second period to tie the game

at 1-1, stuffing home a loose puck in the crease. Bancroft put the Comets back on their heels the next shift when Kennadal Marsden finished off a feed from Switzer and fired a wrister past the Cold Creek tender from the high slot to retake the lead at 2-1. Late in the second period, Switzer gave Bancroft a 3-1 lead (and eventual game winner) with a beauty rush eluding the Comet defender at the blue line and then beating the Cold Creek netminder with a dandy forehand-backhand deke. Cold Creek pulled their goalie late in the third period and pressured the Jets the last

two minutes of the game trying to find two goals to earn a tie and avoid the end of their hockey season. Their efforts paid off with 39 seconds left in the game with another goal-mouth scramble to draw close at 3-2, but the Jets gutted out the win in the gritty matchup keeping the Comets off the scoresheet the rest of the game to advance.

The girls have also earned a spot at the All-Ontario Provincial Championships (top 24 Ontario team tournament) in Brampton on April 7 to 9. (Submitted by Dan Marsden)

### The Parkview Dental/ Canadian Tire Bantam Girls Jets

The bantams wrapped up their final series of playoff games against the Cold Creek Comets. A great display of hockey skill, teamwork and determination was demonstrated by both teams in every game. On Wednesday, the team travelled to Brighton for their first game against their evenly matched rivals. Hannah McMann scored the first goal in the first period, beating the Comets goalie over the shoulder on the blocker side with a wrist shot, unassisted. In the second period, Olivia Martin carried the puck in, took a shot, and Emma Neuman was there for the rebound adding to the scoreboard for the Jets. The team took the win 2-1. Saturday saw the team host the Comets on home ice in front of a large crowd. The Jets came out strong early in the first period. Paige Billings found a path and passed to Neuman who found the back

of the Comets net with precision timing. Both teams continued to exchange chances at both ends of the rink. Near the end of the third, with 2:30 left on the clock, Cold Creek pulled their goalie and the pressure paid off with their one man advantage, as they ended up tying the game 1-1 before the sound of the final buzzer. Wanting to take the win and finish the series, the Jets travelled to Frankford on Sunday. Once again both teams battled hard throughout the game. The first goal was scored by Billings with a slapshot from just inside the blue line, unassisted. The Comets found themselves in a similar position as Saturday and in an effort to score, pulled their goalie with 2:48 remaining. Their strategy once again proved successful as they evened the score with two seconds left on the clock. Another tie game result of 1-1. Courtney Semach made some fantastic saves throughout the series in net for the Jets. The Jets ended the series with four points and the Comets with two. The team heads to the championship game this Friday in Toronto at the Canlan York Arena at 8 p.m.

### Haliburton County Red Wolves Bowling high scores

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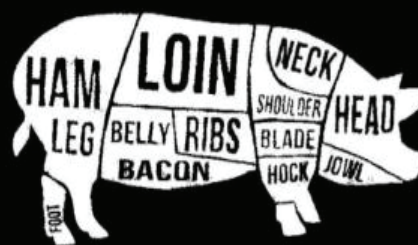
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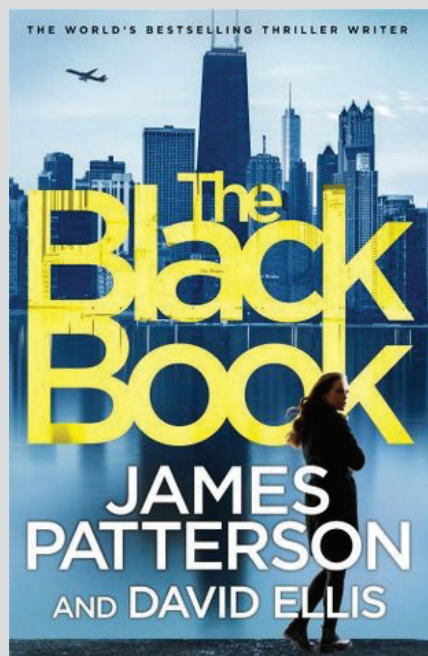




# Highlander community

## Haliburton County's Hot Reads

The following are popular new additions to the Haliburton County Public Library's collection this week.



1. *The black book* by James Patterson and David Ellis.
2. *Man overboard : an Ali Reynolds novel* by J.A. Jance.
3. *Bound together* by Christine Feehan.
4. *The right to be cold : one woman's story of protecting her culture, the Arctic and the whole planet* by Sheila Watt-Cloutier.
5. *The Chilbury Ladies' Choir : a novel* by Jennifer Ryan.



The winners of the men's bonspiel, from left, Cec Ryall, Dave McKay, Dave Millington and Bob Barron. Photo submitted by Darrell McQuigge.

## Curling season ends with the men

By Mark Arike

The annual men's bonspiel wrapped up the season at the Wilberforce Curling Club on Friday and Saturday.

Eight teams competed in the event, which was sponsored by the Wilberforce Legion. The winning group, team Millington of Minden, consisted of Cec Ryall, Dave McKay, Dave Millington and Bob Barron. Team Robson of Minden came second and team Lalonde of Bancroft finished third.

"The Wilberforce Men's Bonspiel was a great success and wraps up the 2016-2017 season, which was a year of challenges, fundraising and saw the return of the curling club ice surface and plant," said club president Darrell McQuigge.

He thanked the community, area clubs, residents and businesses for their support.

## Minden Community Food Centre celebrates success

The board of directors of the Minden Community Food Centre has much to be proud of these days. A year ago, manager Joanne Barnes was named Highlander of the Year by the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce for her centre leadership and Fuel for Warmth, which she established several years ago. In December, centre chair Marilynne Lesperance, who is also chair of Fuel for Warmth, received the Gordon A. Monk Award from The Township of Minden Hills, in recognition of her outstanding volunteerism in Haliburton County. Most recently, Rev. Max Ward, long time board member and treasurer of the centre, was awarded the Highlander of the Year for 2016. Rev. Ward is also the current chair of Places for People and is a Mason with the Arcadia Lodge in Minden.



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## OBITUARIES



### Annie Robertson (Resident of Coboconk, Ontario)

It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of Annie Robertson in Peterborough on March 28, 2017. Annie lived a productive and action-packed life filled with many happy diversions to flex her nimble mind. She taught elementary school for 33 years and in that time positively impacted thousands of children. As much as she adored her students, Annie's love of her community will be her lasting legacy. She was a dedicated Anglican church volunteer and supported many other heritage, youth development and community causes. Her personal passions were local history, art, gardening and cooking. Annie's tea biscuits were legendary and her pancakes a favourite at church pancake breakfasts. Most importantly, family meant the world to Annie. She loved family reunions and other get-togethers and was the life of the party. She is predeceased by her husband Walter, son Murray and survived by her daughter-in-law Lois (Doug), son Scott (Susan), grandsons Ian (Gina), Reid (Tracy), Chris (Lesley) and Craig, GG to Renee, Nathan, Abby and Rylan.

#### Visitation, Funeral Service & Reception

Friends are invited to call at the **COBOCONK COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 6644 Hwy. #35 Coboconk, Ontario (705)454-3913 on Thursday afternoon, March 30, 2017 from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Then to **CHRIST CHURCH ANGLICAN, COBOCONK**, 12 Elizabeth St. Coboconk, Ontario on Friday morning, March 31, 2017 for Funeral Service at 11 o'clock. Interment later Pine Grove Cemetery, Norland. As expressions of sympathy, donations to Christ Church Anglican, Coboconk or the Boys & Girls Clubs of Kawartha Lakes would be appreciated by the family.



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### Marion Barry

(Formerly of Haliburton, Ontario)

Peacefully at Peterborough Regional Health Centre on Monday March 13, 2017 in her 86th year surrounded by her family. Beloved wife of the late Laverne Barry (2011). Loving mother of Wanda (Dennis Byers) of Bridgenorth, Patricia (Paul Harrison) of Minto, New Brunswick and Karen Barry of Penhold, Alberta. Fondly remembered by her grandchildren Cynthia (Andy), Darren (Stefanie), Kristina (Daniel), Joshua (Cherisse), Jarrett (Naomi), James (Shauna), Afton (Jon) and by her great grandchildren Cody, Tianna, Devalin, Harlow, Lily, James, Liam, Everett, Jordana, Charlie (deceased) and by her great great granddaughter Olivia. Dear sister of Alena, Shirley, Ethel and Bruce. Predeceased by her brothers Les, Earl, Ray and Howard. Also lovingly remembered by many nieces and nephews. Marion enjoyed reading, knitting, her dog Mia and most of all her grandkids.

#### Graveside Service & Reception

A Graveside Service will take place this Spring. As expressions of sympathy, donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation - Palliative Care Unit would be appreciated by the family. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209.



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### Michael 'Mike' Bunn

(Resident of Irondale, Ontario)

Tragically on Sunday morning, March 19, 2017 in his 41st year. Beloved son of Alan & Norma Bunn and grandson to Robert & Audrey Bunn. Cherished father of Emily Bunn. Beloved fiancé of Denise Graham. Loving brother of Alan Jr. & William. Predeceased by his brother Kevin. Lovingly remembered by his many aunts, uncles, cousins and his niece Avalynn and nephews Raymond, Andrew and Kevin. Mike was an avid outdoorsman and a great mechanic. He enjoyed entertaining family and friends with his love of music, dancing and playing the spoons. Mike loved cooking and spending time with his family and friends. Mike & Denise were planning an upcoming wedding in July 2017.

#### Visitation, Funeral Service & Reception

Friends were called at the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario on Sunday afternoon, March 26, 2017 from 2-5 p.m. Funeral Service in the Chapel on Monday morning, March 27, 2017 at 11 o'clock (Visitation one hour prior). Cremation to follow. As expressions of sympathy donations to the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association would be appreciated by the family.



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## OBITUARIES



In Loving Memory of

### Betty Rae Moffatt

Wife, mother, grandmother, friend, volunteer

Passed away suddenly, but peacefully, at home on Monday March 13, 2017 in her 83rd year.

Survived by her husband of 61 years, Bruce Moffatt; her son Bruce Jeffrey Moffatt (Sandra, Connor, Christopher); her daughter Carol Ann Moffatt (Tony Aymong); her brother John Moore; and predeceased by her son Andrew James (Andy) in 1979.

Betty was born and raised in Toronto but her heart found the Haliburton Highlands at the age of five when, in 1939, her father bought a lot on Beech Lake. That purchase sparked the beginning of what's now four generations of memories made of shenanigans, laughter, family, dear friends and a spectacular sunset view across the lake. The one-room cabin expanded over the years and when Betty and Bruce decided to 'retire to the cottage', Tony built them a beautiful lakeside home where life was grand and even more wonderful memories were created.

Betty was a stay-at-home mum for many years but when she went back to work she found her way from secretarial and bookkeeping work to corporate leadership where, when she retired, she was the Corporate Secretary as well as the Vice President of Legal Affairs for MDS Health Group.

For many years she was the only woman at the boardroom table and throughout those years she acquired tremendous business savvy as well as impressive corporate knowledge and skills. Betty was the ultimate 'super mom' who could not only bring home the bacon but also fry it up with finesse while wearing a fabulous business suit and heels while planning a pool party in her head. How she did it all we'll never understand.

In Haliburton, Betty's retirement volunteerism included lengthy and dedicated service on the boards of HHHS, Canoe FM and the Stanhope Museum where her corporate knowledge and broad experience provided valuable foundational advice and ongoing guidance. Throughout these years she influenced and impacted many people in ways still being discovered.

Betty and Bruce discovered old neighbourhood friends in the Highlands and, together with lifelong friends from the city and new-found friends in Haliburton, they forged a fun-filled retirement with golfing, curling, snowmobiling, extensive travel and throwing terrific parties. And there was always that sunset view ...

Betty was good, kind and honest - and more than a wee bit fierce. She was strong and smart and wise, and so very proud of her family. They just don't make 'em like her anymore.

She had an indomitable spirit which never flagged, even when faced with serious life experiences and health crises.

She was truly a lady; she will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing her.

**Details:** Cremation has taken place and there is no funeral service. Betty (and Bruce) wanted to be interred back in Toronto with their son, Andy, and that will take place at a later date.

**Celebration of Life:** Saturday April 1, 2017

Betty loved a party so in her honour, a celebration of her life is being held on Saturday April 1, 2017 at Pinestone Resort from 1pm to 4 pm. Please join us for some cheer, stories and refreshments. Feel free to bring and share a story of Betty and what she meant to you or your organization.

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and 4th Friday at Minden  
Legion on Hwy 35. For  
more info: 705-457-2941  
ext. 2932

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The best submission will be printed on this  
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We are looking for good quality, high  
resolution photos (JPEG, 300 dpi).

**Deadline is two weeks from today - by**  
**5 p.m. Friday, April 7.** Please ensure the  
photographers name and contact details  
are in the email.

Send entries to editor@thehighlander.ca

## PHOTO CONTEST



**Lisa Kerr, Board Member**

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**My Town:** Minden  
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**Application deadline: Friday, April 7th 4:00pm**

**Position:** Groundskeeper /Cleaner

**Job Type:** Full Time - Permanent, salary with benefits

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**Start Date:** April 17/2017

**The Role:** Camp Kandalore is looking for a hard-working, positive and  
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- Painting and other minor repairs of camp structures

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Please submit your resume to Gord Darling - Site Manager  
- Gord@kandalore.com



## EVENTS

## WILD GAME DINNER

**SATURDAY APRIL 1**

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**Dinner at 6:30 pm**

**Silent Auction**

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**719 Mountain Street**

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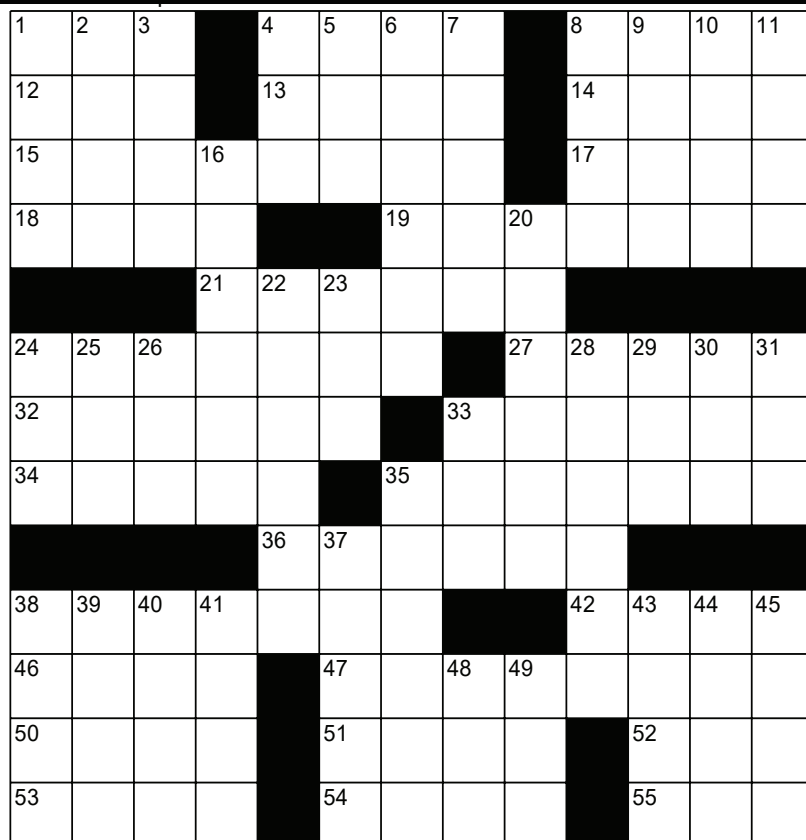
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## EVENTS

**LOYALIST COLLEGE  
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VON SMART exercise program for balance, strength, and flexibility. Minden on Wed. at 11 a.m. in the Hyland Crest Auditorium, and in Haliburton on Thurs. at 1 p.m. at Echo Hills. For more information contact Judy Webb at 705-286-5098 or Carol Browne at 705-457-4551.

Every Monday Pickleball at Haliburton High School, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Cost \$2, equipment supplied. Bring clean indoor running shoes.

**CANCER SUPPORT GROUP** open to anyone who has been diagnosed with or survived cancer. We meet the 3rd Tuesday of every month in the Ruth Parkes Room at the Haliburton Hospital from 1 – 3 p.m. Please contact Lynn Higgs Thompson 705-457-2941 for more information.

Every Monday Pickle Ball – Lloyd Watson Centre – 3:30 p.m. – 6 p.m.

**EVERY THURSDAY** 7 – 9 p.m. Shout Sister Choir is welcoming new members at the Haliburton United Church [shoutsisterchoir.ca](http://shoutsisterchoir.ca)

**HALIBURTON HIGHLANDS Stroke Support Group** meets the third Thursday of each month at the Fireside Lounge, Highland Crest, Minden 10 a.m. - noon. Contact Lois Rigney 705-286-1765

**EVERY TUESDAY.** Royal Canadian Legion Branch 519, Coboconk. Progressive euchre at 1:00 pm. Cost is \$2 per person

## NOTICE



## COUNTY OF HALIBURTON Official Plan

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING OFFICIAL PLAN UPDATE

Subsection 17 (15)(d) of the *Planning Act*

**TAKE NOTICE:** A public meeting will be held pursuant to subsection 17(15)(d) of the Planning Act to review proposed updates to the policies of the County of Haliburton Official Plan.

**Date:** April 26, 2017  
**Time:** 9:00 am  
**Location:** County Council Chambers  
11 Newcastle Street, Minden

**THE PURPOSE AND EFFECT:** An official plan is a policy document which guides the development and growth of our communities and County. It provides land use direction regarding residential, commercial, industrial, institutional, parkland, utilities, infrastructure and many other land use components. This update includes new draft policies on growth and development, source water protection, affordable housing, climate change, wildland fire and rural lands. Official plan policies enable the protection, preservation and enhancement of natural heritage and water features. The goals and objectives set out in an official plan work to balance the interests of each individual property owner and each community with those of the local municipalities and the County.

**THE AMENDMENT:** The County of Haliburton Official Plan will update and replace the existing Official Plan, approved by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs on October 7, 2010 and which came into effect on November 5, 2010.

The Official Plan Update will affect all lands within the County of Haliburton. No key map is provided. All land use schedules and the entire Official Plan text are available for review at:  
<https://haliburtoncounty.ca/services/planning-and-gis/official-plan/>.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** For more information about this matter, including information about preserving your appeal rights, contact the County of Haliburton Administrative Office during regular business hours, Monday to Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Dated at the Township of Minden Hills this 30<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2017

Charley White MCIP, RPP  
Director of Planning  
County of Haliburton  
11 Newcastle Street  
P. O. Box 399  
Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0

Telephone: (705) 286-1333  
or 1-866-886-8815, Ext. 222  
Fax: (705) 286-4829  
e-mail: [cwhite@county.haliburton.on.ca](mailto:cwhite@county.haliburton.on.ca)

Under the authority of the Municipal Act, 2011 and in accordance with Ontario's Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (MFIPPA), The Corporation of the County of Haliburton wishes to inform the public that all information including opinions, presentations, reports and documentation provided for or at a Public Meeting or through the public process are considered part of the public record. This information may be posted on the County website and/or made available to the public upon request. Any written or verbal comments received at the first Public Meeting, the Open House or as part of this public process remain on record and do not need to be resubmitted.

## NOTICE



### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - NOTICE

The twentieth Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Corporation (HHHS) will be held on Thursday, June 22, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. in the Auditorium of the HHHS Minden Hospital / Hyland Crest.

2017-18 Membership in the HHHS Corporation is available to any individual who is a resident\* of, or who is employed or operates a business in, the County of Haliburton or in the Townships formerly known as Laxton, Digby and Longford, or Bexley or Somerville of Victoria county, or Cavendish and Galway of Peterborough County for a period of at least 12 months immediately prior to the payment of an annual membership fee of ten dollars (\$10).

Membership in the Corporation entitles an individual to vote at any general meeting of the Corporation. To be eligible to vote at the June 22, 2017 AGM, new memberships must be obtained by May 1, 2017. Members of the Corporation are also entitled to nominate Directors for election to the Board.

The fee may be paid and proof of membership obtained at HHHS, Haliburton or Minden Business Offices, during regular business hours, or by contacting:

Marlene Vieira  
HHHS Administration Office  
7199 Gelert Road, Haliburton, ON K0M1S0  
Phone: 705-457-2527  
Email: [mvieira@hhhs.ca](mailto:mvieira@hhhs.ca)  
Website: [www.hhhs.ca](http://www.hhhs.ca)

\* this includes seasonal residents, i.e., summer cottagers / landowners

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

All claims against the estate of Francis "Frank" Grant Ogilvy Thom, late of the Township of Dysart et al, County of Haliburton, who died on or about the 7th day of February 2016, must be filed with the undersigned, Executor and Trustee for the estate on or before the 28 day of April 2017. Thereafter, the undersigned will distribute the assets of the estate having regard only to the claims then filed.

Dated this 23rd day of March, 2017 by Godfrey Tyler,  
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# What's on



## MARCH & APRIL 2017 EVENT LISTINGS

### Thursday March 30

Shout Sister Choir performance at Minden United Church, 21 Newcastle St., Minden, 7:30 p.m. Admission by donation, proceeds to benefit Haliburton Emergency Rural SafeSpace (HERS), 705-754-3436 or 705-451-7557.

### Friday March 31

The Art and Syrup of Maple, 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., \$99/person, Call 705-754-3436 or 705-451-7557. yoursoutdoors.ca



### Saturday April 1

Wild Game Dinner, by the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors' Association. Cocktails at 5 p.m., dinner at 6:30 p.m. Silent Auction. Tickets \$35/single, \$55/couple. 705-457-9664

14th Annual Ukrainian Easter Egg Workshop, Dorset Recreation Centre, \$5/person, age 10 and up, registration required – contact recreation@algonquinhighlands.ca or 705-766-9968

Environment Haliburton! AGM, with guest speaker Dr. Tony Weis, "Your Diet, the Industrial Meat Industry and Climate Change". West Guilford Community Centre, 1 p.m. www.environmenthaliburton.ca

Wild Kingdom of Wilberforce, Annual Skating Carnival, 6:30 p.m., at Keith Tallman Memorial Arena, Wilberforce. Admission by donation.

St. George's Choir and Friends Spring Concert, featuring Gilbert & Sullivan's "Trial By Jury". Matinee performance 2 p.m. at St. George's Church, Haliburton. Tickets \$15 available at Master's Bookstore.

### Monday April 3

Karma Yoga Class with Cait Hutt Love 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. at Dorset Recreation Centre. Admission by

donation cait@theopenspace.co or 705-783-3231.

### Tuesday April 4

Minden & District Horticultural Society meeting, 1 p.m. at the Minden Community Centre 55 Parkside St. minden@gardenontario.org

### Wednesday April 5

St. George's Choir and Friends Spring Concert, featuring Gilbert & Sullivan's "Trial By Jury". 7:30 p.m. at St. George's Church, Haliburton. Tickets \$15 available at Master's Bookstore.

### Saturday April 8

Sounds of the Night: Owl Prowl! Join naturalist Pauline Ploord as we listen for owls calling. 8 – 10 p.m. More information and registration at www.haliburtonlandtrust.ca or 705-457-3700

Doc(k) Day Documentary Film Festival, 10 a.m. – 8 p.m., at Northern Lights Performing Arts Centre, Haliburton. \$30 day pass or individual tickets for \$10 each.

Fish 'n Fowl Feast, buffet dinner & loonie auction. Irondaleontario.ca

Country Hot Flashes, in the Clubroom of the Haliburton Legion Branch 129, 4 – 7 p.m., \$5 cover charge for non-members, \$6 for a delicious meal by the Ladies Auxiliary.

Pancake Breakfast, Highland Grove Recreation Centre, 8 a.m. – noon. Adults \$8, children 6-12 \$4.

### Sunday April 9

Coboconk Legion Country Jamboree, 1 – 5 p.m. Open mic, \$8 cover. Light lunch available.

Minden Skate Club Carnival, 2 – 5 p.m. at S.G. Nesbitt Arena, Minden. Admission \$5/adults, \$3/seniors, elementary students free. This year's theme: "Time Travel"

### Monday April 10

Make & Take "I Spy" Shakers, 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. at the Dorset Recreation Centre. A fun and interesting activities for infants/ pre-school aged children and their parents or caregivers. Free, but

please contact the centre to register in advance. 705-766-9968

### Tuesday April 11

Full Moon Series: Owl Prowl - \$10/ person, 8:30 – 10 p.m. at Abbey Gardens.

### Saturday April 15

Highlands Summer Festival Spring Concert & Dance, 7:30 p.m. at the Haliburton Legion. Live music from two bands: Fifth Business and Custom Blend. Tickets \$25/ each, available at Cranberry Cottage in Haliburton, and Sassy Digs in Minden or online at www.highlandsummerfestival.on.ca

Maple Syrup Festival, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. at Lloyd Watson Centre, Wilberforce. All you can eat pancakes, flea market and craft sale.

### Wednesday April 19

National Canadian Film Day 150 – Those Other Movies presents "My American Cousin", at Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion, 4:15 p.m. and 7:15 p.m. Free admission, seating is limited.

### Friday April 21

Dorset's 13th Annual Evening of Wine, Words, Music & Art. At the Dorset Rec Centre, event limited to ages 19+. Tickets \$6, or 2 for \$10. 705-766-9968 recreation@algonquinhighlands.ca

### Saturday April 22

Haliburton County Folk Society presents Amanda Rheame, 7:30 p.m. at Minden United Church, 21 Newcastle St., Minden. haliburtonfolk.com

"I Made It!" - an end-of-semester art exhibition at Fleming College School of Art & Design. Free of charge, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Select works will be available for purchase.

Fundraiser for Special Olympics, at Minden Legion 5 p.m., featuring the Highland Trio, Dinner/Dance, beef on a bun, salads, desserts, cash bar. Cost: \$20/person, tickets available at Cranberry Cottage in Haliburton, Up River Trading Co. in Minden.

### Sunday, April 23

Highlands Wind Symphony, 2017 Annual Spring Concert, "Canadian Sketches", 3:00 p.m. at Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion. Tickets \$10/adult, \$25/ family, Available at Master's Book Store in Haliburton and Minden PharmaSave. 705-457-7894

### Saturday April 29

Canoe FM Psychedelia 60's 70's Dinner & Dance, at the Haliburton Legion. Tickets \$25 each, available at Canoe FM or by calling the station at 705-457-1009.

Grads' "Make Dreams Come True" offering a wide variety of graduation clothing free of charge! At the Lion's Hall in Minden from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Minor alterations done on site. For more info, contact Nancy Lowes or Jenn Abbott on Facebook.

### Saturday May 6

Guy & Nadina, presented by Haliburton Concert Series, 7:30 p.m. at Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion. Haliburtoncs.blogspot.ca for more info.

Wild Leeks, Edibles & Spring Wildflowers, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m., at Abbey Gardens, \$5 / person including homemade potato & leek soup. More info and registration at haliburtonlandtrust.ca or 705-457-3700.

### Sunday May 7

Hospital Auxiliary Geranium Tea, 1 – 3:30 p.m., at the Haliburton Curling Club. \$15/person, includes a light lunch. Tickets available at the hospital gift shop 11:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. Mon-Fri.

### Tuesday May 9

A Canadian Choral Celebration, 150 Years 150 Voices, hosted by Highlands Festival Singers, 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. at Archie Stouffer Elementary School, Minden.

### Saturday May 13

50s/60s Rock & Roll Dinner/ Dance, at the Minden Curling Club, featuring music by The Cruisers. Dinner 4:30 – 6:30 p.m., dancing & music 7 – 11 p.m. Cash bar, tickets \$25/person. Everyone welcome, timely dress is encouraged, but optional. For tickets, call Lynda 705-457-8511.

## ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION EVENTS

### HALIBURTON BRANCH

Monday bridge 1p.m.  
Tuesday dart league starting at 7 p.m.  
Wednesday bid euchre 1 p.m. start, bingo doors open at 6 p.m, bingo starts at 7 p.m. - \$500 jackpot, \$1000 jackpot - last Wednesday of the month.  
Thursday general meeting second Thursday of the month starting at 7:30 p.m. All members urged to attend. Ladies auxiliary last Thursday of the month at 1 p.m.  
Friday meat draw - five draws, five prizes each draw, first draw at 4:30 p.m., last draw at 6:30 p.m., tickets \$2 per draw ... Chester Howse, MC.  
Friday fun darts - 4:30 p.m. onwards  
Saturday 50/50 4 p.m. draw, tickets \$1 each from noon onwards  
Sunday breakfast second and fourth Sunday of the month – 9:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. \$6 per person. Occasional volunteers are needed.  
Mixed Zones Dart Tournament in the Main Hall 9 a.m., Saturday, Apr. 8 \$10/person per event-members only.  
Pre-register by March 25 by contacting Christine Briggs at (705) 457-1724 /chrisbriggs\_01@hotmail.com  
Whether you're planning a function for 10 or 200, for more information call the Legion today at (705) 457- 2571, email rcl129@bellnet.ca or visit haliburtonlegion.com Come on out and support Haliburton Legion Branch 129 ... everyone is welcome.

### MINDEN BRANCH

General meeting, first Wednesday of each month, 7:30 p.m. start  
Ladies darts, Wednesday, 1-4 p.m.  
Euchre, Thursday, 7 p.m.  
Fish/wings & chips, Friday, noon-2 p.m. and 5-7 p.m.  
Mixed darts, Friday 7:30 p.m.  
Bid euchre, first Sunday of the month (except holidays), noon, \$12  
Sports fan day, Sunday, 12-5 p.m.  
Lunch menu, Monday – Friday, noon-2 p.m.  
Liver lovers' special, Tuesday noon-2 p.m. (full menu also)  
Meat draws, Wednesday lunch time.  
Watch for local posters and listen to Canoe FM, and Moose FM, for special events on Saturdays.

### WILBERFORCE BRANCH

Friday Pool 1:30 p.m. Wing night 6:30-9 p.m.  
Jam session 7:30 p.m.  
Saturday Meat draw 2 p.m. – early bird 3 p.m. sharp  
Monday Bid euchre 7 p.m. beginners welcome  
Wednesday Fun darts 7:30 p.m.

Upcoming Event: Saturday, April 8 – music night and dance featuring the band "Endangered Species" 9 p.m. to close - \$5 cover charge

Visit TheHighlander.ca for more events and activities in the Haliburton Highlands



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# What's on

## Film looks beyond battle lines

By Mark Arike

Many war films, whether fictional or based on reality, often focus on violence, action and heroism.

As award-winning filmmaker Garry Beitel puts it, “war is much more dramatic and sexy than peace.”

But in his 2015 documentary, titled *In Pursuit of Peace*, he opts to go down the path less travelled, highlighting what happens when both sides look beyond the battle lines.

“There’s a real need for this kind of storytelling,” said the Montreal native in a phone interview. “It gives people hope that the world is not falling apart, and there are people who are trying to heal the scars of war.”

In the 86-minute long documentary, Beitel and a small crew follow four Canadian peacemakers who enter some of the most dangerous places on the planet to resolve conflicts. A producer at the National Film Board proposed the idea and suggested Beitel look into Canada’s role in peacekeeping, which he says had changed dramatically.

“What I was discovering was a whole group of Canadian civilians who were ... actively involved in peacemaking work on the ground, working for NGOs [non-governmental organizations], international organizations, foundations. I knew nothing at all about this and was fascinated that this was happening,” he said.

Beitel embarked on the project in 2011 and didn’t finish until 2015.

He travelled to several danger zones, which revealed land disputes in the Democratic Republic of Congo, the civil war in South Sudan and internationally displaced person camps.

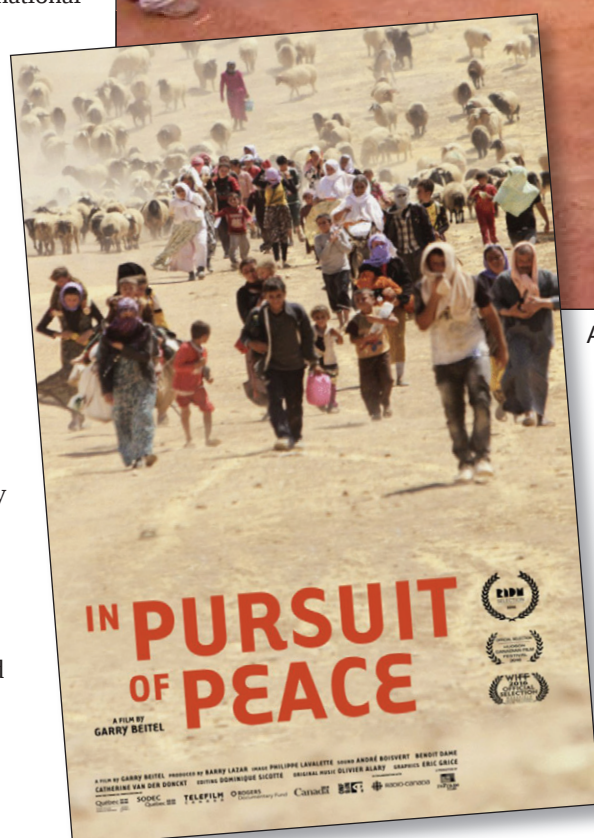
His meetings with these peacekeepers were arranged, and although he wasn’t stepping into battle there were times he was very close to the fighting.

“You had to be very careful, especially in northern Iraq,” he recalled, adding they were only 15 km away from ISIS-controlled territory. “A wrong turn in the road could have put us in real danger.”

One of the most memorable moments during the journey was sitting in on a mediation session between two villages in the Congo



A village in the Democratic Republic of Congo in *Pursuit of Peace*. Photo by Philippe Lavalette.



that had been at war for years over contested territory.

“Here they were, sitting and listening to the other side’s narrative without being able to interrupt,” he recalled.

“That, to me, was a light bulb going off ... it [third-party mediation] works, it changes people.”

The documentary made its debut a year ago in Montreal. Beitel has shown it to a variety of audiences across Canada, including most recently at men’s and women’s prisons. This sparked conversation between detainees about trying to manage conflict without

resorting to violence.

It will make its Haliburton debut at the Doc(k) Day Documentary Film Festival on April 8. It is the last of five films being played at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion. Show time is 7:30 p.m.

Beitel will be in attendance to answer audience questions afterwards. It will be his first visit to the area.

“I didn’t even know what a rich, artistic scene is in Haliburton,” he said.

“It sounds like a wonderful place.”

For more information about festival passes, visit [haliburton-movies.com/dockday.html](http://haliburton-movies.com/dockday.html).

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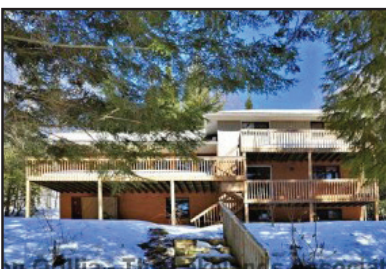
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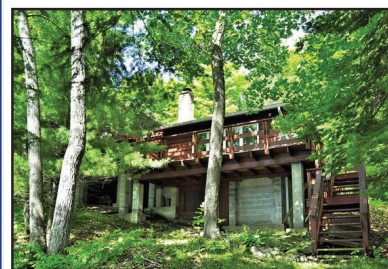
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